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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement
3 that unleashes the power of people and organizations to
4 transform the world and their communities; the Tuesday after
5 Thanksgiving focuses on charity in the shopping-heavy week
6 after the holiday; and

7 WHEREAS, Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple
8 idea, a day that encourages people to do good; over the past
9 seven years, this idea has grown into a global movement that
10 inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate,
11 and celebrate generosity; and

12 WHEREAS, Whether it is a donation of time, money, or the
13 power of a voice, Giving Tuesday is one of the best ways to get
14 involved in a community; the idea is simple, come together with
15 family, a community, co-workers, or an organization and find a
16 way to give back and then share your idea; and

17 WHEREAS, Whether it is making someone smile, helping a
18 neighbor, showing up for an issue or people, or giving
19 something to those who need help, every act of generosity
20 counts, and everyone has something to give; and

21 WHEREAS, By volunteering, a person can give something back,

1 making a difference to the people around them, develop new
2 skills, and learn more about issues affecting their community;
3 in addition, the right volunteer opportunity can help reduce
4 stress, find friends, and even advance someone's career; and

5 WHEREAS, People have the power and the passion to transform
6 their community; by lending a voice to advocate for the causes
7 and issues important to a community, we can all be activists
8 who affect the kind of change that makes our world a better
9 place; and

10 WHEREAS, Community nonprofit organizations work tirelessly
11 every day to make a difference in their communities; many
12 nonprofit organizations are understaffed or operating on a
13 small budget and cannot afford the marketing, HR, technology,
14 or planning resources that their missions deserve; and

15 WHEREAS, Many people donate to a nonprofit in honor of
16 Giving Tuesday or organize a donation drive with friends,
17 family, neighbors, or co-workers; these drives are a great way
18 to rally a group around an important cause; just about anything
19 can be the focus of a donation drive, including toiletries,
20 books, clothes, or food; a seemingly small act of kindness has
21 the power to inspire generosity that can permeate society and
22 catalyze change; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we encourage our residents to give back to their local
4 communities on Giving Tuesday in 2020, as the first Tuesday
5 after Thanksgiving is an opportunity to not only raise money
6 but also a chance to unite and inspire communities around the
7 world.