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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Tinley Park Mental Health Center was constructed  
3 in 1958; it occupies 213 acres and is adjacent to the 62 acres  
4 of property vacated by the Howe Development Center; and

5 WHEREAS, The facility was decertified by the federal  
6 government in 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, The 61-year-old facility stopped admission on  
8 June 16, 2012, and patients were discharged into local  
9 hospitals and treatment providers; to this day, the south  
10 suburbs suffer from an emergency mental health epidemic; and

11 WHEREAS, The Tinley Park Mental Health Center property has  
12 remained unoccupied for the past seven years and poses safety  
13 and environmental risks to local residents of Tinley Park; and

14 WHEREAS, The Village of Tinley Park has conducted their own  
15 private studies, at the expense of taxpayers, to investigate  
16 environmental risks associated with the Tinley Park Mental  
17 Health Center; and

18 WHEREAS, The Village of Tinley Park has taken requested  
19 proposals from qualified developers across the nation in order  
20 to properly develop the Tinley Park Mental Health Center, and

1 the residents of Tinley Park should not be responsible for the  
2 costs associated with the environmental clean up of an outdated  
3 state property; and

4 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should bear the  
5 responsibility of properly conducting an environmental study  
6 on the property to properly identify possible hazards and  
7 courses of action for remediation; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Governor JB  
10 Pritzker and the Director of the Department of Central  
11 Management Services to conduct an environmental study at the  
12 cost of the State and properly identify any and all  
13 environmental issues related to the Tinley Park Mental Health  
14 Center Property; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 presented to Governor JB Pritzker and the Director of the  
17 Department of Central Management Services.