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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, When a person is losing blood, every minute
3 counts, and the Stop the Bleed campaign of the American College
4 of Surgeons is informing Americans about vital measures to aid
5 trauma victims; and

6 WHEREAS, The initiative was created in the wake of the 2012
7 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; the American
8 College of Surgeons convened senior health care and public
9 safety leaders to produce a program that will improve survival
10 for victims suffering from bleeding injuries, and their review
11 led to the development of the Stop the Bleed campaign; and

12 WHEREAS, Because a trauma victim can bleed to death within
13 five minutes, before professional emergency care arrives, the
14 program teaches citizens bleeding-control methods developed by
15 the military and first responders to help citizens become
16 immediate responders; and

17 WHEREAS, Nearly 45 million Americans lack access to an
18 appropriate trauma center within one hour of being injured;
19 ensuring access to trauma care requires many crucial
20 components, and steps must be taken to ensure that our trauma
21 centers, trauma medical staff, and first responders have the
22 resources and skills they need to ensure the best possible

1 chance of survival for the injured patient; and

2 WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed also provides kits that include
3 such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic
4 agents to help bystanders offer swift assistance at the scene
5 of a mass casualty or other incident; and

6 WHEREAS, These trauma kits can be affixed to walls in
7 public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which
8 most modern buildings are furnished; and

9 WHEREAS, The Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens
10 across the country to save lives in situations when time is of
11 the absolute essence; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 15, 2019
14 as "Stop the Bleed Day" in the State of Illinois and encourage
15 all citizens to participate in the initiative and learn more
16 about the importance of bleeding control measures.