



HR0149

LRB103 31546 LAW 59629 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act was
3 passed on August 28, 1963, establishing the Illinois Nature
4 Preserves System; and

5

WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves contribute to the
6 public health and welfare and the environmental quality of the
7 State; and

8

WHEREAS, This visionary law protecting Illinois Natural
9 Areas was a model that many other states followed; and

10

WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserves System protects 618
11 preserves, totaling 119,170 acres; and

12

WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are habitats for rare,
13 vanishing, threatened, and endangered species; and

14

WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are of value for
15 scientific research and teaching, and they are especially
16 valuable as reservoirs of gene pools that may not survive
17 anywhere else and of which not all potential uses are known;
18 and

19

WHEREAS, Illinois Nature Preserves are places of historic

1 and natural interest and scenic beauty; they are living
2 museums of the native landscape wherein one may experience
3 primeval conditions in a wilderness-like environment; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserve System is an
5 enduring resource for people of present and future
6 generations; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Nature Preserve System will be
8 marking its 60th year in 2023; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we declare August of 2023 as Illinois Nature Preserve Month in
12 the State of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we continue to value the protection and
14 ecological stewardship of Illinois Nature Preserves; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the
18 Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves as a symbol of our
19 respect and esteem.