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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Daily access to an adequate shower or other facilities necessary to maintain hygiene is a human right; and

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WHEREAS, Showering removes bacteria from the skin, which helps the body protect itself from infection and hinders the spread of disease; and

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WHEREAS, Personal hygiene, including regular shower use, is essential to preserve health and maintain a socially acceptable appearance; being denied the opportunity to have a regular shower or otherwise keep up one's personal hygiene may be psychologically and physically degrading and humiliating; and

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WHEREAS, Most institutions and facilities of the Department of Corrections do not have air conditioning, making daily access to bathing facilities especially important during warm seasons and after physical work to maintain hygiene and prevent offensive body odor that would impact residents and staff; and

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WHEREAS, The right to access a bathing facility once per day preserves human dignity; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all
3 institutions and facilities of the Department of Corrections
4 to provide every committed person with access to bathing
5 facilities once per day; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we urge, in the case of a lockdown, access
7 to bathing facilities should be restricted for the first two
8 days and, if the lockdown continues for more than two days, a
9 committed person should be provided access to bathing
10 facilities no less than once every two days for the duration of
11 the lockdown.