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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Approximately one in six people globally
3 experience a disability, including neurological, cognitive,
4 neurodevelopmental, physical, visual, auditory, sensory,
5 respiratory, and processing difficulties; and

6 WHEREAS, Not all disabilities are visible, and people
7 living with non-visible disabilities often face barriers in
8 their everyday lives and may need additional assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, People with hidden disabilities may experience
10 difficulty asking for and/or articulating their needs, and
11 they may face stigmatization and lack of understanding when
12 they choose to ask for help; and

13 WHEREAS, The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a globally
14 recognized symbol for non-visible disabilities, and people may
15 use this symbol, a visible sunflower design on a lanyard,
16 card, or silicone wristband, to voluntarily and discreetly
17 share that they have a disability and to signify that they may
18 need increased aid; and

19 WHEREAS, Airports throughout Illinois have begun to
20 implement the Sunflower Project, having a disability Sunflower
21 decal visible upon entrance, Sunflower wristbands available

1 for passengers, and Sunflower pins available for employees to
2 wear to signify the airport supports people with hidden
3 disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, The Illinois Senate can utilize its position to
5 spread awareness of the Sunflower project throughout the
6 State; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of
9 October 20 through October 26, 2024 as Invisible Disabilities
10 Week in Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we urge State facilities to adopt the
12 Sunflower Project, including making Sunflower decals visible
13 upon entry, making Sunflower lanyards, wristbands, and/or
14 cards available, and educating staff on the meaning and
15 desired goal of the Sunflower Project.