



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois' life science and biotechnology industry  
3 is a national leader in developing innovative products and  
4 techniques to improve the quality of healthcare, agriculture,  
5 manufacturing, environment, and homeland defense; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is ranked among the top  
7 three states in the country for life science and biotechnology;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, It is desirable for Illinois' biotechnology  
10 industry, which directly or indirectly employs more than  
11 127,000 people in Illinois, to continue to grow rapidly and to  
12 generate increased State revenue and high paying jobs for  
13 Illinois citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, According to a recent national study, only two  
15 states Illinois and California have sizable employment in all  
16 four major life sciences specialties: research and  
17 development; medical devices and instruments; pharmaceuticals  
18 and medicine; and agriculture, food, and chemicals; and

19 WHEREAS, In April 2006, the City of Chicago and State of  
20 Illinois will host "The Olympics of Biotech" - The  
21 Biotechnology International Convention; and

22 WHEREAS, The Biotechnology International Convention is  
23 expected to attract more than 20,000 participants and attendees  
24 from more than 65 countries; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Senate directs the  
27 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to work with  
28 the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, the City of  
29 Chicago, and the Illinois Biotechnology Industry Organization

1 and other representative members of the industry: (i) to  
2 formulate and make recommendations and to thereafter report to  
3 the Senate those recommendations regarding the State's  
4 commitment to the continued growth and development of the life  
5 sciences and biotechnology in the State of Illinois; and (ii)  
6 to identify measures and make recommendations to promote and  
7 market "BIO 2006", the BIO International Convention scheduled  
8 for Chicago on April 9-12, 2006; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Governor, the Mayor of the City of Chicago,  
11 and the President of the Biotechnology Industry Organization.