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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Unused and unwanted consumer pharmaceuticals have a negative impact on public health and the environment; the lack of effective and efficient methods of drug disposal has resulted in unwelcome social, cultural, ecological, and global effects; and

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WHEREAS, The theft and social use, misuse, and abuse of pharmaceuticals by teenagers, adults, and older adults has increased; and

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WHEREAS, Increasing polypharmacy, non-adherence to prescriptions, and medication errors all contribute to accumulation of drugs and poor patient outcomes; and

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WHEREAS, Potential deleterious effects on wildlife and humans due to drug disposition in surface and ground waters are a result of improper disposal; and

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WHEREAS, Unused medications represent wasted health care dollars to consumers, insurance carriers, and taxpayers alike; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date

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1 of May 1, 2010 as "Proper Drug Disposal Day" throughout the  
2 State of Illinois and urge all citizens to recognize the need  
3 for proper adherence to medication and appropriate drug  
4 disposal across the State of Illinois.