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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Water is our most valuable natural resource; and

3 WHEREAS, Tap water provides vital public health and fire
4 protection; tap water also provides support for our economy and
5 sustains the quality of life we enjoy; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans consume approximately 50-plus gallons
7 of water a day on average; and

8 WHEREAS, All measures of a successful society, including
9 low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity,
10 productivity, and public safety, are all in some way related to
11 access to safe drinking water; and

12 WHEREAS, Every citizen is called upon to help protect our
13 source waters from pollution and to promote water conservation;
14 the United States Environmental Protection Agency suggests
15 that if each resident fixed all their household water leaks and
16 put in low-flow shower heads today, they could reduce their
17 water consumption by 25%; and

18 WHEREAS, True cost pricing of water is an important element
19 in present and future water conservation, in contrast to water
20 rates that are artificially low due to various subsidies; and

1 WHEREAS, It is critical to the future health and growth of
2 the State of Illinois that both private and public systems
3 continue to invest in our water infrastructure; the U.S. EPA
4 estimates that there is a \$330 billion dollar gap in water
5 infrastructure investment throughout our nation; the State of
6 Illinois should continue to promote investment in its water
7 infrastructure both in public and private systems; and

8 WHEREAS, It is imperative that adequate funding be made
9 available for the State of Illinois to ensure that essential
10 research and analysis of Illinois' current and future water
11 needs can be done by organizations such as the Illinois Water
12 Survey and the State Regional Water Supply Committees;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we join with the rest
16 of the nation in celebrating National Drinking Water Week and
17 applaud the workers who work hard every day to ensure that the
18 citizens of the State of Illinois have safe, fresh, reliable,
19 high-quality drinking water; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves over the next year to
21 vigorously raising the consciousness of the public on the
22 importance of safe water resources.