

1 AN ACT concerning volunteer emergency responders.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
5 adding Section 126 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/126 new)

7 Sec. 126. Volunteer Emergency Responder Appreciation Day.

8 The third Thursday in May of each year is designated Volunteer
9 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day in Illinois. Volunteer
10 firefighters, rescue squads, divers, emergency medical
11 technicians, and response teams sacrifice their time and lives
12 for their communities with little or no compensation. Volunteer
13 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day shall be observed
14 throughout the State by the citizens of Illinois with civic
15 remembrances of the sacrifices made on their behalf by the
16 volunteer emergency responders of Illinois, especially the
17 ultimate sacrifice given by those individuals who have lost
18 their lives in the line of duty.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
20 becoming law.