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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois welcomes all religious  
3 beliefs, traditions, and heritages, and has full confidence  
4 that the United States Constitution and the laws of Illinois  
5 protect all citizens from discrimination; and

6           WHEREAS, Many immigrants have come to our nation to escape  
7 government-sanctioned persecution of their faith; and

8           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a history of embracing  
9 individuals' right to practice the faith tradition of their  
10 choice within the boundaries of the law and free of government  
11 interference; and

12           WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds all forms of  
13 discrimination, including those forms of discrimination  
14 targeting religion or belief, to be abhorrent; and

15           WHEREAS, The religion of Islam is practiced by over 1.6  
16 billion Muslims around the world; and

17           WHEREAS, In Illinois alone, there are more than 400,000  
18 Muslims and 300 mosques, representing various racial and ethnic  
19 sects of Islam; and

1           WHEREAS, The Muslim community in Illinois has reported  
2 increased incidences of discrimination involving violations of  
3 civil rights; and

4           WHEREAS, Targeted discrimination of individuals in our  
5 communities, schools, and workplaces on the basis of religion,  
6 heritage, and beliefs cannot be tolerated and should not be  
7 accepted as a fundamental element of our society; therefore, be  
8 it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we reject all forms of  
11 discrimination; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That we urge tolerance and acceptance of  
13 religious beliefs, traditions, and heritages in our  
14 communities to ensure all individuals residing in Illinois are  
15 protected from discrimination as enumerated in the United  
16 States Constitution and by the laws of Illinois.