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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed on 3 July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with 4 disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act established a 6 clear and comprehensive mandate to eliminate discrimination 7 against persons with disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act has expanded 9 opportunities for people with disabilities by reducing 10 barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full 11 participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth by the State of Illinois and as embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, Since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the State of Illinois has increased the quality of life for people with disabilities in our State by furthering community living, expanding job opportunities, improving infrastructure, and increasing access to education, among other efforts; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations in the State of Illinois
- 2 work with constituents and communities to bring forth the
- 3 promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage
- 4 of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
- 5 WHEREAS, July 26, 2015 marks the 25th anniversary of the
- 6 Americans with Disabilities Act; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we show our unwavering
- 9 support for the full implementation of the Americans with
- 10 Disabilities Act in Illinois and designate July 26, 2015 as
- 11 Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the State of
- 12 Illinois.