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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois believes that in order for Illinois to continue to grow and thrive, we need to make sure that children and young people have the support, resources and experiences that they themselves need to grow and thrive; and

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WHEREAS, Illinoisans need to align behind a comprehensive vision of success for children and young people; and

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WHEREAS, To achieve this vision, we need children and young people who have positive connections to family, community, and friends, opportunities to take leadership in culturally and environmentally robust communities, and resources for avoiding behaviors in the community associated with disconnection and harm; who are ready for school and experience academic success; who are able to grow up in and contribute to stable families and safe communities; who have their basic needs met in the context of their families and community, including the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, basic security, and a family in which to belong; who have good health and strong health habits; and have the necessary skills and dispositions to obtain employment and continue on a path to a secure financial future; and

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, we have the abilities, expertise, and

1 partnerships necessary to align and integrate our efforts
2 around a comprehensive vision for success for children and
3 youth; and

4 WHEREAS, Positive youth development is the result of these
5 efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, The benefits of positive youth development
7 include success in school, but extend beyond that to include
8 healthy development, positive relationships, and civic
9 engagement; and

10 WHEREAS, Positive youth development opportunities are
11 critical to the future success of children and young people,
12 and of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate April 13,
15 2016 as Positive Youth Development Day in Illinois as a sign of
16 our collective commitment to providing children and young
17 people with the support, experiences, and opportunities they
18 need to be connected, educated, healthy, thriving, safe, and
19 employable; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we show our commitment to positive youth
21 development and to achieving a vision of success for children

1 and youth that ensures that they are connected, educated,
2 healthy, thriving, safe, and employable.