

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The numbers of closings at Illinois bathing  
3 beaches along Lake Michigan, especially in Chicago, have  
4 increased in recent years; and

5 WHEREAS, These beaches provide an important form of  
6 recreation and enjoyment for people of all ages; and

7 WHEREAS, There is little advance notice to the public  
8 that a beach will be closed, thus causing disruption of plans  
9 and a lack of recreational opportunity; and

10 WHEREAS, The expertise and resources of federal, State,  
11 local, and private entities may help reduce the number of  
12 beach closings; and

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 the Illinois Department of Public Health coordinate efforts  
16 with other federal and State agencies, the City of Chicago,  
17 and other municipalities that operate beaches along the Lake,  
18 and any organization that has an interest in or  
19 responsibility for the quality of Lake Michigan water in  
20 order to identify the causes of Lake Michigan beach closings,  
21 investigate possible remedies, and develop models to predict  
22 water quality problems based on meteorological conditions;  
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Public Health  
25 research and evaluate new and innovative beach monitoring  
26 techniques for water quality in an effort to develop timely  
27 testing notice and results; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent  
29 to the Director of Public Health.