

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Philip of Macedonia, his son, Alexander the
3 Great, and his tutor, the philosopher Aristotle, were born
4 and raised in the Northern Province of Greece, Macedonia; and

5 WHEREAS, The language and culture of the ancient
6 Macedonians, the ancestors of the inhabitants of northern
7 Greece of today, were Hellenic; and

8 WHEREAS, The Macedonians, like the rest of the Hellenes
9 in Antiquity, believed in the 12 Gods of Olympus and
10 participated with their fellow Hellenes in the Olympic Games;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pella, the palace where Alexander the Great was
13 born, and Vergina, the burial site of the Macedonian kings,
14 are all located in Northern Greece; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that for all of the above
17 reasons, we proclaim that the ancient Macedonians are
18 Hellenes and that the inhabitants of the northern province of
19 Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic Descendants; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the history of Ancient Macedonia has been
22 Hellenic for 3,000 years and continues to be today; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Dr. Antonios Papadopoulos, the Mid-Western
26 District Governor of the Pan-Macedonian Association, Inc.