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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 1 2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1) 3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the need for 4 keeping Illinois waterways clean; whether it is a large or 5 small body of water, whether rural, urban, or suburban, having clean waterways benefits public safety, public recreation, the 6 7 economy, and the historical character of Illinois; and 8 WHEREAS, The third Saturday of September is observed 9 globally as "International Coastal Cleanup Day", coordinated 10 by the Ocean Conservancy and promoted by various like-minded Illinois partner organizations; and 11 12 WHEREAS, The coalition of Illinois Global Scholar 13 stakeholders acts for the benefit of Illinois students and 14 works to promote Public Act 099-0780; it partners with organizations to ensure the protection, restoration, and 15 16 health of Illinois waterways; and Service learning promotes effective student 17 WHEREAS, 18 growth opportunities; a statewide coordinated day of action 19 facilitates active citizen engagement, particularly focusing 20 on active student engagement in learning and effective 21 environmental improvement through trash collection, data 22 collection, and data analysis; and

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WHEREAS, To coordinate with the International Coastal Cleanup Day effort, partner organizations and schools across Illinois will facilitate the opportunity for Illinois student participant groups to partner with other student participant groups in different countries, providing Illinois students with the opportunity to communicate and collaborate globally, discussing and sharing their efforts and findings; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare September 10-16, 2017 as "Illinois Waterway Cleanup Week" in the State of Illinois.