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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, All Americans agree that Russia's deliberate interference in our nation's democratic processes is a matter of grave national security; and

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WHEREAS, Recently disclosed United States intelligence findings have reported that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election and sought to undermine our democratic institutions; and

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WHEREAS, On January 6, 2017, an Intelligence Community assessment entitled "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections" assessed that "Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the U.S. presidential election"; and

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WHEREAS, The same assessment warns that "Moscow will apply lessons learned from its Putin-ordered campaign aimed at the U.S. Presidential election to future influence efforts worldwide, including against U.S. allies and their election processes"; and

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WHEREAS, As a result, U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein, and all committee Democrats have called for an independent, bipartisan

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1 commission or a select committee of Congress to investigate
2 these allegations of Russian interference; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Intelligence Estimate is the formal,
4 authoritative assessment of the Director of National
5 Intelligence related to a particular national security issue,
6 which reflects the collective judgment of the nation's 17
7 intelligence agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, The public also needs assurance that federal law
9 enforcement is actively investigating these matters and that,
10 if the investigation finds evidence that Russian officials
11 perpetrated or directed such acts, appropriate criminal
12 charges and sanctions will be announced and enforced; and

13 WHEREAS, It is also clear that the American public needs
14 confirmation that America's next Attorney General would
15 continue any investigation on this matter, independent of
16 directives by the White House to terminate it; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge a full
19 bipartisan investigation by Congress and support the call for a
20 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) to determine the extent of
21 Russian intervention in the 2016 United States presidential
22 election, because this issue requires the full attention of the

1 executive and legislative branches alike, and a conclusive,
2 public national intelligence estimate will lay out the facts
3 for the American people; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority
6 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck
7 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of
8 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members
9 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.