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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has led to many
3 unprecedented problems in the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois has experienced an estimated more than
5 83,000 cases of COVID-19 and over 3,600 COVID-related deaths;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has led the unemployment
8 rate to soar to an estimated 20 percent in the State of
9 Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker introduced a regionalized plan
11 for reopening the State that included a baseline of 28 days for
12 several factors to be met before moving between phases; and

13 WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker has continued to extend his
14 stay-at-home orders and prevented certain businesses and
15 organizations from reopening by pushing back end dates; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal government has recommended a 14-day
17 baseline before moving to the next phase; and

18 WHEREAS, Indiana's plan for reopening includes this 14-day
19 baseline, among other factors that will more quickly and

1 efficiently reopen their state; and

2 WHEREAS, Indiana's reopening plan follows four guiding
3 principles, which include (1) the number of hospitalized
4 COVID-19 patients statewide has decreased for 14 days, (2)
5 surge capacity for critical care beds and ventilators is
6 retained statewide, (3) anyone in Indiana who is COVID-19
7 symptomatic can be tested, and (4) contacting all individuals
8 who test positive for COVID-19 and expanding contact tracing;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Indiana is developing a Small Business PPE
11 Marketplace to provide reliable access to PPE for small
12 businesses registered in Indiana with fewer than 150 employees
13 that need help to comply with safe workplace precautions; and

14 WHEREAS, Indiana will be distributing 300 million dollars
15 to counties, cities, and towns via a population-based formula
16 as the first installment from the Coronavirus Relief Fund; and

17 WHEREAS, Indiana has developed a five-stage roadmap to
18 reopen by the fourth of July; and

19 WHEREAS, During Stage One, essential manufacturing,
20 construction, infrastructure, government, business,
21 healthcare, and other critical businesses and operations have

1 been open, while K-12 school buildings remain closed and all
2 their activities canceled; and

3 WHEREAS, In Stage Two, Indiana will ease restrictions,
4 although local governments may impose stricter local
5 guidelines as conditions dictate; and

6 WHEREAS, During Stage Two, Indiana will lift the essential
7 travel restrictions and permit social gatherings of up to 25
8 people, following the CDC's social distancing guidelines;
9 state government offices will begin to open for limited
10 interaction with the public; the remaining manufacturers and
11 industrial and other infrastructure operations that had not
12 been considered essential will also open; retail and commercial
13 businesses will open at 50 percent capacity; shopping malls may
14 open at 50 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted
15 to 25 percent capacity; restaurants and bars that serve food
16 may open at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating will remain
17 closed; personal services, such as hair salons, barber shops,
18 nail salons, spas, and tattoo parlors also may open by
19 appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines;
20 those who work in office settings are encouraged to continue to
21 work remotely whenever possible; indoor worship services may
22 also convene, following specific social distancing guidelines,
23 but it is preferred that virtual and outdoor services continue;
24 those age 65 and older and those at elevated risk will be asked

1 to stay home for all the above stated activities and businesses
2 whenever possible; and

3 WHEREAS, In Stage Three, individuals at risk, including
4 those over age 65, may venture out cautiously; those who can
5 work remotely should continue to do so; social gatherings of up
6 to 100 people may occur; retail stores and malls may move to 75
7 percent of capacity, movie theaters may open at 50 percent
8 capacity, and mall common areas such as food courts and sitting
9 areas may further open to 50 percent capacity; playgrounds,
10 tennis courts, basketball courts, pools, campgrounds and gyms,
11 and fitness centers may open with restrictions and social
12 distancing; and

13 WHEREAS, In Stage Four, face coverings will be optional;
14 social gatherings of up to 250 people may take place and large
15 venues may open with adherence to social distancing guidelines;
16 state government buildings will reopen to the public;
17 professional office building employees may resume work at full
18 capacity; retail stores and malls may open at full capacity
19 with social distancing guidelines in place; dining room service
20 may open at 75 percent capacity; bar seating in restaurants may
21 open at 50 percent capacity; cultural, entertainment, and
22 tourism may open at 50 percent capacity, including museums,
23 zoos, bowling alleys, aquariums, and like facilities;
24 recreational sports leagues and tournaments may resume, and

1 amusement parks, water parks, and like facilities may open at
2 50 percent capacity, all while continuing social distancing;
3 conventions, sports events, fairs, festivals, the state fair,
4 and like events may resume, and remote work will be optional;
5 retail stores, malls, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, gyms, and
6 personal services may operate at full capacity; restrictions
7 will be lifted at amusement parks, water parks, and like
8 facilities, and at this time, a decision will be made as how to
9 approach the next school year; and

10 WHEREAS, The sooner the State of Illinois can safely return
11 to a normal way of life and business, the sooner the recovery
12 can begin; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we urge Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly to
16 adopt a reopening plan similar to that of Indiana; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
19 delivered to Governor Pritzker, the President of the Senate,
20 the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of
22 Representatives.