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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Emergency management agencies, mutual aid
3 networks, and the professionals and volunteers who support
4 these organizations play a vital role in safeguarding the
5 lives, property, and well-being of the people of the State of
6 Illinois before, during, and after disasters; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
8 Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) and local Emergency
9 Services and Disaster Agencies (ESDAs), established pursuant
10 to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, serve as the
11 backbone of the State's emergency preparedness and response
12 system; and

13 WHEREAS, IEMA-OHS carries out its mission through three
14 primary program areas, including the Office of Emergency
15 Management, which provides technical assistance and direct
16 support to emergency managers throughout Illinois, the Office
17 of Homeland Security, which administers federal homeland
18 security grant programs to local, state, and regional
19 partners, and the Office of Nuclear Safety, which oversees the
20 safe use and regulation of radioactive materials and works in
21 coordination with federal, state, and local partners to ensure
22 robust emergency preparedness around nuclear facilities and to
23 advance modern radiation safety practices; and

1 WHEREAS, IEMA-OHS and local ESDAs fulfill their mission to
2 prepare Illinois for natural, human-caused, and technological
3 disasters through comprehensive planning, prevention,
4 mitigation, training, and response activities; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois' nationally recognized mutual aid
6 networks, including the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid
7 Network (IPWMAN), the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), and
8 the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), provide
9 critical statewide coordination, resource sharing, and rapid
10 response capabilities that strengthen the State's ability to
11 respond to disasters; and

12 WHEREAS, IEMA-OHS and local ESDAs collaborate with these
13 mutual aid systems, along with local, state, and regional
14 partners, including the Illinois Emergency Services Management
15 Association (IESMA), to ensure a coordinated and effective
16 all-hazards approach to emergency management; and

17 WHEREAS, Dedicated emergency management professionals and
18 volunteers are entrusted with the planning, coordination, and
19 operation of specialized programs, equipment, and resources
20 essential to responding to pandemics, flooding, extreme
21 temperatures, tornadoes, and other disasters; and

1 WHEREAS, In an evolving federal funding environment amid
2 uncertainty regarding the future direction of federal
3 emergency management programs and partnerships and in light of
4 increasing severe weather and other threats to public health
5 and safety, it is critical to strengthen preparedness, raise
6 statewide awareness, and promote resilience to ensure Illinois
7 remains capable of responding effectively to disasters while
8 prioritizing the needs of its residents; and

9 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to acknowledge the
10 service, commitment, and professionalism of emergency
11 management professionals and volunteers and to increase
12 statewide awareness of their essential role in protecting
13 communities across Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 16, 2026, an exhibition of specialty
15 emergency management equipment and personnel will be staged at
16 the intersection of South 2nd Street and East Capitol Avenue
17 in Springfield from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., providing members
18 and staff of the General Assembly with an opportunity to
19 observe such equipment and engage with the personnel
20 responsible for its operation; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we declare April 16, 2026 as Emergency Management Day in the

1 State of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we encourage the members and staff of the
3 General Assembly to visit the exhibition of specialty
4 equipment staged on 2nd Street and Capitol Avenue in
5 Springfield from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 16, 2026, and
6 we further encourage them to meet with the constituent
7 emergency response personnel entrusted with the operation of
8 such equipment; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 presented to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and
11 Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS), the Illinois Emergency
12 Services Management Association (IESMA), the Illinois Public
13 Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN), the Mutual Aid Box Alarm
14 System (MABAS), the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System
15 (ILEAS), and the Office of the Governor as a symbol of our
16 esteem and appreciation.