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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Prescribed fire provides multiple ecological,  
3 economic, and cultural benefits to the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Prescribed fire has been practiced for thousands  
5 of years and was a primary tool used by Indigenous peoples to  
6 attract game, stimulate a rich ground layer of plants for  
7 harvesting, and keep woodlands and grasslands open and easy to  
8 traverse; and

9 WHEREAS, Prescribed fire is a traditional land management  
10 practice and public safety tool that helps prevent and lessen  
11 the severity of wildfires; and

12 WHEREAS, Prescribed fire is a valuable tool used by  
13 forest, prairie, and wetland landowners and managers in  
14 reducing hazardous fuels, reducing the risk of destructive  
15 wildfires, preparing sites for both natural and artificial  
16 forest regeneration, improving access to and the appearance of  
17 land, and controlling detrimental insects and forest diseases;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Prescribed fire is an effective natural tool for  
20 controlling invasive species; and

1       WHEREAS, Prescribed fire is one of the most important land  
2 management practices in maintaining and restoring healthy  
3 landscapes, but only approximately 6% of conservation lands in  
4 Illinois are currently being managed with prescribed fire; and

5       WHEREAS, Prescribed fire is used to restore and maintain  
6 fire-dependent ecosystems and to manage wildlife habitat for  
7 many species; it is a vital tool to maintain economic,  
8 biological, and aesthetic resources across Illinois; and

9       WHEREAS, The Illinois Prescribed Fire Council is an  
10 organization of both public and private partners with a  
11 mission to promote the safe and continued use of prescribed  
12 fire on the Illinois landscape; and

13       WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly passed the Illinois  
14 Prescribed Burning Act in 2007 defining prescribed fire as  
15 "the planned application of fire to naturally occurring  
16 vegetative fuels under specified environmental conditions and  
17 following appropriate precautionary measures, which causes the  
18 fire to be confined to a predetermined area and accomplish the  
19 planned land management objectives."; and

20       WHEREAS, Prescribed fire helps keep Illinois grasslands  
21 and forests healthy, which, in return, provides ecological  
22 services such as clean air and clean water and contributes to

1 the quality of life of the State's citizens and to local  
2 economies; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 2025  
5 as Prescribed Burning Awareness Month in the State of  
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we support the appropriate and continued  
8 use of prescribed fire in Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Illinois Prescribed Fire Council as a symbol  
11 of our respect and esteem.