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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center was founded by Monsignor Ignatius McDermott in 1975 as part of his life's work to help individuals suffering with addiction and as a place to welcome them with no judgment; and

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WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center's mission is to aid people with substance use disorders in their recovery by providing comprehensive behavioral health solutions; and

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WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center, with its main location in the West Loop of Chicago, helps over 10,000 men and women each year and serves as a resource to other healthcare systems, law enforcement, the courts, and patients from every legislative district throughout Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center is a critical partner to the thousands of men and women who have seen their lives transformed through the Center's dedication and passion in treating substance use and mental health disorders; and

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WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center is a safety net provider that offers substance use treatment and life-saving health care services every day, and it is one of the only providers that affords immediate access to care 24 hours a day, seven

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1 days a week, and 365 days a year, turning no one away despite
2 ability to pay; and

3 WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center became a Federally Qualified
4 Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike healthcare provider in Chicago
5 by offering Monsignor Ignatius McDermott's comprehensive,
6 evidence-based programming, which includes an on-site clinic
7 and pharmacy to achieve wrap-around services; and

8 WHEREAS, As the opioid epidemic continues to impact
9 Illinois in significant ways, with an estimated 1.78 million
10 residents of Illinois currently living with opioid use
11 disorder representing 30,165 per Senate District and 15,082 in
12 each House District, the Haymarket Center is focused on this
13 health crisis that will be an issue for years to come; and

14 WHEREAS, The total economic and social costs of opioid use
15 disorder to the State of Illinois exceed \$41 billion annually,
16 equating to nearly \$600,000 for every Illinoisan with an
17 opioid use disorder; and

18 WHEREAS, Substance use disorders and co-occurring mental
19 health disorders need to be treated as the chronic health
20 conditions that they are; and

21 WHEREAS, As people receive the Haymarket Center's

1 comprehensive treatment, individuals can move into a strong
2 recovery foundation and become productive and successful
3 family and community members; and

4 WHEREAS, The Haymarket Center has transformed over the
5 last 50 years into a critical, community-based partner with
6 the Illinois Department of Human Services, Managed Care
7 Organizations, regional health departments, Federal Substance
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA),
9 healthcare providers and professionals, and elected officials
10 throughout the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 25,
13 2025 as Haymarket Center Day in the State of Illinois to
14 recognize its ongoing work and tireless commitment to those in
15 the greatest need of service; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the Haymarket Center's 50
17 years of transformation as it worked to enrich the lives of our
18 citizens with a commitment to turning no one away.