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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Children and youth learn best when they are 3 healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them 4 to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and 5 WHEREAS, Schools can more effectively ensure that all 6 students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the 7 whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and 8 WHEREAS, Children's mental health is directly linked to 9 their learning and development and benefits when the learning 10 environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; 11 12 and 13 WHEREAS, Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional 14 15 development, prevention, early intervention, and support of 16 culturally diverse student populations; and 17 WHEREAS, School psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice 18 19

established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in the National Association of School Psychologists' Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services; and

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1 WHEREAS, School psychologists are specially trained to 2 foster and deliver a continuum of mental health services and 3 academic supports in the school and community that lower

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- 4 barriers to teaching and learning; and
- 5 WHEREAS, School psychologists help children thrive by 6 nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and 7 academic endeavors; and
- 8 WHEREAS, School psychologists are trained to assess
 9 student and school-based barriers to learning and individual
 10 strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement
 11 research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and
 12 evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- 13 WHEREAS, School psychologists play a vital role in the 14 personal and academic development of our State's children; 15 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November
 10-14, 2025 as School Psychology Week in the State of Illinois
 and encourage all of our citizens to observe this week.