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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, March 23 commemorates the adoption of the Lahore Resolution of 1940, a defining event in a movement characterized by democratic mobilization and the peaceful pursuit of freedom and rights that led to the creation of the independent state of Pakistan, now home to nearly 240 million people, on August 14, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to many members of the Pakistani diaspora, as well as organizations with longstanding economic, social, and cultural ties to Pakistan; and

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WHEREAS, Pakistani Americans contribute to the State of Illinois in all fields, including healthcare, education, technology, industry, and business; and

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WHEREAS, There is a need to further strengthen partnerships between Illinois and Pakistan in trade, investment, tourism, education, and people-to-people exchange programs; and

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WHEREAS, The rich heritage and contributions of Pakistani Americans are celebrated in the State of Illinois, where diversity and inclusion are highly valued; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pakistan Day will enhance awareness of the
2 history, culture, and contributions of the Pakistani American
3 community and allow all residents of Illinois to join in
4 acknowledging the values of liberty, justice, and equality
5 that resonate in both American and Pakistani cultures;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we declare March
9 23, 2026 as Pakistan Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That we encourage the people of Illinois to
12 celebrate this day with events and activities honoring the
13 contributions of Pakistani Americans to our great State and to
14 learn more about the rich Pakistani heritage while fostering
15 an appreciation for this ancient culture among younger
16 generations; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the Pakistan Consulate General in Chicago as a
19 symbol of our respect and esteem.