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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death and results in more than 1,000 deaths each year; for young adults 15 to 34 years of age, suicide is the third leading cause of death in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, men are three to four times more likely than women to die from suicide, while more women than men report attempting suicide; and

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WHEREAS, Suicide rates are higher among middle aged adults, but suicide attempt rates are higher among young people; and

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WHEREAS, Suicide was the tenth leading cause of death in the United States in 2017; it is often a consequence of untreated mental illness and substance use disorders and as such is a preventable condition; and

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WHEREAS, More than 47,000 Americans died by suicide, and more than 1.4 million adults attempted suicide in 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people aged 10 to 24, who have seen a 56 percent rise in suicide rates from 2007 to 2017; and

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1 WHEREAS, At-risk populations, such as veterans, LGBTQ
2 youth, and American Indians, have been shown to be particularly
3 vulnerable; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 20 veterans die by suicide every day;
5 between 2008 and 2016, there were more than 6,000 veteran
6 suicides each year; and

7 WHEREAS, A person with mental health issues will often be
8 vulnerable to suicide, in part because they lack access to care
9 or will not have a positive response to the care they receive;
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11 WHEREAS, The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
12 Administration (SAMHSA) has reported positive results
13 regarding the effectiveness of the Suicide Prevention Hotline
14 in reductions of suicidal ideation and hopelessness, improved
15 suicide risk assessment, response to callers at imminent risk,
16 and improving follow-up; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support all efforts to make it
20 easier for Americans in crisis to access potentially
21 life-saving resources about suicide prevention, intervention,
22 and mental health crisis by the Federal Communications

1 Commission (FCC); and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we urge the FCC to establish a new hotline
3 for those Americans experiencing suicidal thoughts or a mental
4 health crisis; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we urge the Commission to initiate a
6 rulemaking proceeding to consider designating 988 as the
7 3-digit code to be used for this purpose.