

1 AN ACT concerning sweet corn.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds and
5 declares the following:

6 The State of Illinois provides an optimal setting for
7 growing sweet corn with its deep fertile soils, moderate
8 rainfall, and temperate weather making it ideal for high
9 yields and quality. Most of the sweet corn production in the
10 United States happens in the north central region mainly
11 within an area from western Indiana through northern Illinois,
12 and southern Wisconsin and Minnesota. Many family farms plant
13 sweet corn to sell in local farmer's markets across the State,
14 providing high quality, nutritious produce at fair prices.
15 Sweet corn, and its importance to Illinois agriculture and
16 family farmers, deserves recognition and appreciation, and the
17 General Assembly declares that August 1 of each year shall be
18 designated as Sweet Corn Appreciation Day.

19 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
20 adding Section 187 as follows:

21 (5 ILCS 490/187 new)

22 Sec. 187. Sweet Corn Appreciation Day. August 1 of each

1 year is designated as Sweet Corn Appreciation Day, to be
2 observed throughout the State as a day to celebrate the
3 importance of sweet corn to Illinois agriculture, and in
4 recognition of family farmers.