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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Senate represents all the citizens
3 of Illinois, including the police and fire departments,
4 community development, school superintendents, principals,
5 teachers, professors, city management, human resources,
6 neighborhood services, planning and zoning, business owners,
7 church leaders, and families, young and old; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are committed
9 to fostering a culture of peace and nonviolence through
10 education, sustainable economic and social development, a
11 clean environment, and racial, gender, and intergenerational
12 justice; and

13 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are committed
14 to promoting human rights, advancing understanding, tolerance,
15 and solidarity, and supporting participation, communication,
16 and the free flow of information; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are committed
18 to creating and implementing initiatives that not only foster
19 peace and nonviolence but also create a positive and lasting
20 change in our State; and

21 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate believe that

1 all segments of our State deserve inclusion in planning
2 actions, resource allocations, nonviolence training,
3 restorative justice practices, and budgetary priorities; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are committed
5 to the rejection of violence, poverty, injustice, and
6 environmental degradation in conjunction with the Pace e Bene
7 Campaign for Nonviolence, which includes the Nonviolence
8 Cities Project; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the United
11 Nations Resolution designating September 21 as "International
12 Day of Peace" and declare September 21 of 2023 and 2024 to be
13 "Day of Peace" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the month of September in 2023 and
15 2024 to be used as a time of renewal, evaluation, and
16 improvement of policies establishing regional peace and
17 nonviolence in perpetuity; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we proclaim the State of Illinois to be a
19 Nonviolent State.