



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Securing decent, safe, accessible, and affordable
3 housing is a part of the American Dream and a goal of Illinois
4 citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Efforts to help citizens secure affordable home
6 ownership and rental housing opportunities are legitimate and
7 necessary activities of both State government and the private
8 sector, as witnessed by the many Illinois citizens who have
9 benefited from State programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Affordable housing remains only a dream of
11 thousands of citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Reductions in federal housing assistance and
13 rising housing costs have contributed to high rent burdens on
14 senior citizens, low-income families, and others; and

15 WHEREAS, Access to affordable housing can be achieved
16 through cooperative local, State, and federal efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, The talents of grassroots organizations,
18 nonprofit housing professional, financial institutions,
19 elected officials, State agencies, and others must be combined
20 to address the immense challenge of increased affordable
21 housing; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim the week of March 14-20,
25 2004, as "Affordable Housing Week" in Illinois to promote
26 appropriate activities by private and public entities aimed at
27 providing or advocating accessible, affordable housing for all
28 Illinois citizens.