



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to a 1996 study by the Centers of
3 Disease Control, 16% of over 6,000,000 pregnancies ended in
4 either a miscarriage or stillbirth, which is almost 1,000,000
5 perinatal losses; and

6 WHEREAS, Of those over six million pregnancies, 62%, or
7 3,720,000, ended in live births, and 26,784 of those births
8 ended in deaths of infants 11 months and younger; and

9 WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of
10 the utmost importance to the families who suffer from pregnancy
11 and infant loss to better help them cope; and

12 WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about
13 pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with
14 compassion to affected families; and

15 WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with families
16 who have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians,
17 clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors,
18 police officers, public health nurses, and employers, can
19 better serve families if they have special training and better
20 knowledge of pregnancy and infant loss; and

21 WHEREAS, If a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is
22 created to recognize the grief of the families and to remember
23 all of the pregnancies and infants lost, it will help to heal
24 and comfort the families in a time of pain and heartache and
25 give the families hope for the future; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
28 CONCURRING HEREIN, that October 15, 2005, be named as Pregnancy
29 and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to recognize the grief of the

1 families and to remember all of the pregnancies and infants
2 lost, to help to heal and comfort the families in a time of
3 pain and heartache, and to give the families hope for the
4 future.