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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Electricity has become an invisible, but integral  
3 force in our lives, our economy, and our culture, providing  
4 untold services upon which our families and communities depend  
5 everyday; and

6           WHEREAS, Warmer weather brings people outdoors to enjoy  
7 recreational activities, making awareness of potential  
8 electrical hazards a vital safety consideration; and

9           WHEREAS, Spring is the ideal time for making home  
10 improvements that may include electrical repair, engaging in  
11 landscaping projects that may inadvertently touch buried  
12 utility lines; and

13           WHEREAS, Spring weather frequently causes basement  
14 flooding that allows water to conduct fatal electric current  
15 outward from electrical appliances and power sources; and

16           WHEREAS, Citizens are encouraged to check their homes and  
17 workplaces for possible electrical hazards to help protect  
18 lives and property, such as loose wall receptacles and wires,  
19 improperly used extension cords, and overloaded circuits; and

20           WHEREAS, Citizens are encouraged to test their smoke

1 detectors and ground fault circuit interrupters monthly and  
2 after every major electrical storm; and

3 WHEREAS, The U.S. Fire Administration reports electrical  
4 problems last year accounted for 67,800 fires, 485 deaths,  
5 2,305 injuries, and more than \$1.4 billion in property losses  
6 from electrical fires that were preventable; and

7 WHEREAS, More than five people in the workplace and one  
8 person in the home are electrocuted each week; and

9 WHEREAS, Following basic electrical safety precautions can  
10 help prevent injury or death to thousands of people each year;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Energy Education Council's Safe Electricity  
13 Program is the largest public outreach program in the nation;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The SafeElectricity.org website is an online  
16 library of videos, articles, teacher lesson plans, youth games  
17 and activities, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, The Council on Safe Electricity serves consumers  
19 nationwide from their headquarters in Springfield, supporting  
20 this vital initiative, promoting a healthy respect for

1 electricity and educating the public about the safe use of  
2 electrical appliances and safety practices around electrical  
3 equipment; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 designate the month of May 2010 and every May thereafter as  
7 Safe Electricity Month in the State of Illinois, and urge the  
8 citizens of the State to educate themselves on the importance  
9 of the safe use of electricity.