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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On April 22, 2011, this year's Earth Day, Earth is facing consequences of climate change that may be caused by increased carbon production due to human activity; and

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WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to do their best to raise awareness about global warming and other environmental issues, like wasting water; and

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WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to do their best to cut their carbon production, shrink their carbon footprint, and reduce water waste; and

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WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago is a federation of more than 60 community organizations, mosques, and schools representing the Muslim community in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, abstaining completely from eating and drinking during this time, for the whole month; and

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WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago launched a campaign during Ramadan in 2009 called Green

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1 Ramadan to raise awareness among the Muslim community in
2 Illinois about the environment and to encourage the reduction
3 of carbon production, encourage recycling, and reduce wasted
4 water and consumption; and

5 WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater
6 Chicago will designate Ramadan every year as a Green Month,
7 dedicated to raising awareness within the Muslim community
8 about their responsibility about the Earth, the environment,
9 and biodiversity; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
12 leading role of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater
13 Chicago in raising awareness about green issues and the
14 environment within the faith community; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we designate the month of Ramadan, the 9th
16 month of the Islamic lunar calendar, as a Green Month in the
17 State of Illinois in order to promote awareness among faith
18 communities about environmental issues, the reduction of
19 carbon production, and the reduction of wasted water.