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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The mission of the West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders is to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions that are working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth; and

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WHEREAS, The West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders also seeks to reduce substance abuse among adults over time by addressing the factors in communities that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse; and

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WHEREAS, The West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders' purpose is to create opportunities through programs, activities, and events to help direct youth towards positive alternatives to violence, as well as teaching them how to become productive citizens through positive civic engagement; and

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WHEREAS, The West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders' vision is to engage a partnership of residents, parents, youth, educational institutions, organizations, and public servants with a common goal to reduce violence within the West Garfield

1 Park community; and

2 WHEREAS, The White House Office of National Drug Control
3 Policy has directed the Drug Free Communities Support Program,
4 in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
5 Services Administration, to provide grants to coalitions that
6 mobilize their communities to prevent youth alcohol, tobacco,
7 illicit drug, and inhalant abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, As a New-Grantee of the office of Substance Abuse
9 and Mental Health Services Administration, the West Garfield
10 Park Community Stakeholders is working within the Substance
11 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic
12 Prevention Framework to develop and secure the following core
13 competencies: assessment, capacity, planning, implementation,
14 evaluation, sustainability, and cultural competence;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we designate the date of October 6, 2014 as West Garfield Park
19 Community Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention Day in the
20 State of Illinois.