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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois recognizes the need for
3 clean waterways, whether a large or small body of water,
4 whether rural, urban, or suburban in location, for public
5 safety, for public recreation, for economic benefit, and for
6 historical character; and

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WHEREAS, The third Saturday of September is recognized
8 globally as "International Coastal Cleanup Day" and is
9 coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy and promoted by various
10 like-minded Illinois partner organizations; and

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WHEREAS, The coalition of Illinois Global Scholar
12 stakeholders, acting for the benefit of students in Illinois
13 and working to promote Public Act 099-0780, are partnering with
14 organizations to ensure the protection, restoration, and
15 health of Illinois waterways; and

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WHEREAS, Service learning promotes effective student
17 growth opportunities, and a statewide coordinated week of
18 action will facilitate active citizen engagement, with a focus
19 on active student engagement in learning and effective
20 environmental improvement through trash collection, data
21 collection, and data analysis; and

1 WHEREAS, To coordinate with the International Coastal
2 Cleanup Day effort, partner organizations and schools across
3 Illinois will facilitate the opportunity for student
4 participant groups in the State to partner with other student
5 participant groups in different countries, providing students
6 in Illinois with the opportunity to communicate and collaborate
7 globally and discuss and share their efforts and findings;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the calendar
11 week containing the third Saturday of September 2019 as
12 Illinois Waterway Cleanup Week in the State of Illinois.