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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, People with disabilities represent an ever-growing percentage of Illinois citizens who need accessible parking spaces to ensure access to participate fully in the various aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is committed to removing many of the major barriers to independence for people with disabilities in Illinois by urging every community with a population of more than 15,000 to conduct accessible parking awareness days; and

WHEREAS, Great strides have been made in Illinois to make buildings and facilities accessible to people with disabilities and adequate accessible parking spaces must be kept free from barriers such as debris and snow accumulation; and

WHEREAS, All drivers, municipalities, and private parking lot owners share the responsibility of knowing and adhering to all laws regarding parking for persons with disabilities as specified in the Illinois drivers manual and other statutes to be kept updated in print and online; and

WHEREAS, All officials charged with parking enforcement

1 must be vigilant in ensuring proper access to accessible
2 parking spaces and reducing illegal use; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor to
5 proclaim November as Illinois Accessible Parking Awareness
6 Month in the State of Illinois, and urge all citizens to join
7 in recognizing the importance of accessible parking spaces and
8 in committing ourselves to eliminating barriers, physical and
9 attitudinal, that stand in the way of providing people with
10 disabilities access to community activities throughout our
11 State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Secretary of State to
13 conduct accessible parking awareness days each year by
14 providing information to newspaper, radio, television, and by
15 any other means used in this State to communicate with the
16 public; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 presented to Governor Pat Quinn and Secretary of State Jesse
19 White.