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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Public health issues are of paramount importance
3 to the State and its units of local government; and

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WHEREAS, Health disparities have a systemic and critical
5 impact on morbidity and mortality rates in communities
6 throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, The State Board of Health has adopted the 2011
8 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), and the State Health
9 Improvement Plan Implementation Council will be appointed to
10 guide the implementation of the 2011 SHIP; and

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WHEREAS, The State is in need of a comprehensive review of
12 its public health policymaking and regulatory framework in
13 order to meet the needs of its diverse citizenry; and

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WHEREAS, The State has the resources through its agencies,
15 public and private universities, and community-based
16 organizations to conduct a comprehensive review of its public
17 health policies and policymaking infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, The Community Engagement and Research Core is a
19 federally-funded component of the University of Illinois at
20 Chicago Center for Clinical and Translational Science, engaged

1 in broad-based, action-oriented public health policy research
2 and dissemination, and the University of Illinois at Chicago
3 School of Public Health has been engaged by the Illinois
4 Department of Public Health to assist the SHIP Implementation
5 Council fulfill its mission; and

6 WHEREAS, Population health status and health services
7 needs unique to Illinois should be reflected in the research
8 and policy analysis work of researchers, planners, and policy
9 analysts; and

10 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of the State's public
11 health policies and policymaking infrastructure is critical
12 and necessary in order to fully benefit from federal health
13 care reform, demonstrate additional efficiencies in the
14 delivery of health care services to those most in need, and
15 foster the relationship of public health to the larger
16 community in terms of human, physical, fiscal, and program
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, State policymakers will benefit from a
19 comprehensive and well-developed study of the State's public
20 health policies and policymaking infrastructure; therefore, be
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22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 the State Health Improvement Plan Implementation Council is
3 encouraged to prepare a comprehensive report to the General
4 Assembly on the State's public health policies and its public
5 health policymaking infrastructure that shall include an
6 Illinois policy agenda; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the State Health Improvement Plan
8 Implementation Council is encouraged to work with the Community
9 Engagement and Research Core housed at the University of
10 Illinois at Chicago to develop an Illinois policy agenda; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the State Health Improvement Plan
13 Implementation Council shall prepare a report to be presented
14 to members of the House Health Care and Health Disparities
15 Committee on or before December 31, 2011; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the members of the State Health Improvement Plan
18 Implementation Council and the directors of the Community
19 Engagement and Research Core.