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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois
3 Constitution provides, "The Governor shall prepare and submit
4 to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State
5 budget for the ensuing fiscal year"; and

6 WHEREAS, The Constitution further provides, "The budget
7 shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for
8 appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the
9 estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations
10 during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public
11 corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every
12 State college and university, and every other public agency
13 created by the State, but not of units of local government or
14 school districts"; and

15 WHEREAS, The Governor never submitted a balanced budget
16 proposal to the General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, The State is entering its tenth month without a
18 duly enacted budget; and

19 WHEREAS, The lack of a State budget impacts citizens across
20 the State; and

1 WHEREAS, Social service agencies, including Catholic
2 Charities and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, have begun
3 to shut down facilities offering needed social services
4 throughout the State because they have yet to receive funding
5 due under grants from the State; and

6 WHEREAS, Social services serving the homeless and senior
7 citizens have been forced to either halt services or find
8 creative methods to obtain funding to continue operations; and

9 WHEREAS, Youth employment services are without funding,
10 exacerbating a crisis of unemployment among younger workers;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mental health programs have been cut across the
13 State, causing an increase in violence; and

14 WHEREAS, A lack of funding for services for children with
15 autism has forced families to go without treatment for their
16 children or other support; and

17 WHEREAS, The impasse has also affected State universities;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The continued impasse could lead to the closure of
20 State universities, including Chicago State University and

1 Eastern Illinois University, leaving students of these
2 institutions and citizens of this State without affordable
3 higher education; and

4 WHEREAS, Other institutions of higher education have
5 received lower credit ratings because of the uncertainty
6 surrounding future State funding of the universities; and

7 WHEREAS, The budget impasse threatens Chicago Public
8 School students as well through the refusal to help relieve the
9 fiscal crisis, putting almost 400,000 children at risk; and

10 WHEREAS, State credit ratings have continued to drop since
11 the onset of the budget impasse, making it more expensive for
12 the State to borrow money on the financial markets; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 Democrats and Republicans work together toward a responsible
17 budget that is fiscally sound; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That both parties agree that the General Assembly
19 must craft, agree to, and pass a budget; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That every community should have a say in passing

1 a State budget; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 delivered to the Governor, Speaker of the House, the Minority
4 Leader of the House, President of the Senate, and Minority
5 Leader of the Senate.