

# HB1888



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/29/2025, by Rep. Nicolle Grasse

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 490/197 new

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act. Provides that March of each year is designated as Prescribed Fire Awareness Month, to be observed throughout the State as a month to celebrate the multiple ecological, economic, and cultural benefits of prescribed fire to the State of Illinois.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) Prescribed fire is a traditional land management  
6 practice and public safety tool used by land managers to  
7 reduce hazardous fuels; reduce the risk of destructive  
8 wildfires; control invasive species; improve access to, and  
9 the appearance of, land; and control detrimental insects and  
10 forest diseases.

11 (2) While prescribed fire is the most important land  
12 management practice used in maintaining and restoring healthy  
13 landscapes, only approximately 6% of conservation lands in  
14 Illinois are currently being managed with prescribed fire.

15 (3) Prescribed fire deserves recognition and appreciation  
16 due to its ecological, economic, and cultural benefits to the  
17 State of Illinois.

18 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
19 adding Section 197 as follows:

20 (5 ILCS 490/197 new)

21 Sec. 197. Prescribed Fire Awareness Month. The month of  
22 March of each year is designated as Prescribed Fire Awareness

1 Month, to be observed throughout the State as a month to  
2 celebrate the multiple ecological, economic, and cultural  
3 benefits of prescribed fire to the State of Illinois.