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2 WHEREAS, Community-based coalitions are recognized as an  
3 evidence-based, population-level strategy for substance use  
4 prevention and behavioral health promotion, leveraging  
5 cross-sector collaboration to reduce risk factors and enhance  
6 protective factors for youth and families; and

7 WHEREAS, The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program,  
8 funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy,  
9 administered by the Centers for Disease Control and  
10 Prevention, currently supports 11 coalitions in Illinois that  
11 engage youth and adults in developing local solutions to  
12 prevent substance use among young people; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois Link Together coalition was named  
14 coalition of the year by CADCA, which represents and supports  
15 over 7,000 community coalitions in every U.S. state and  
16 territory and more than 28 countries around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Illinois leads the nation in the number of CADCA  
18 Blue Ribbon recipients with outstanding coalitions, including  
19 the Communities for Positive Youth Development (CPYD)  
20 Coalition, the Stand Strong Coalition, the Juvenile Justice  
21 Council of Iroquois County, the North Shore Coalition for  
22 Drug-Free Communities, the Choose Your Path Coalition, the

1 Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition, and the Healthy  
2 Communities Alliance; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pledge for Life coalition was named a Dose of  
4 Prevention award first runner-up by CADCA for their effective  
5 stop medicine abuse campaign in 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, These Illinois coalitions serve as models for  
7 effective implementation of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention  
8 Framework and demonstrate measurable community-level  
9 reductions in youth substance use through inclusive  
10 partnerships, youth-led initiatives, and culturally responsive  
11 programming; and

12 WHEREAS, The Illinois Youth Survey (IYS), administered  
13 biennially by the Center for Prevention Research and  
14 Development at the University of Illinois, provides critical  
15 data on youth substance use, mental health, and related risk  
16 behaviors, enabling communities to tailor prevention  
17 strategies; and

18 WHEREAS, The 2024 IYS data indicates positive trends in  
19 reduced youth use of alcohol, tobacco, and prescription drugs,  
20 highlighting the effectiveness of ongoing prevention  
21 initiatives led by community coalitions, schools, and other  
22 local stakeholders; and

1           WHEREAS, National Prevention Week provides an opportunity  
2 to elevate the role of prevention in promoting mental and  
3 behavioral wellness, reducing youth substance use, and  
4 building stronger, healthier communities across the State of  
5 Illinois; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we declare May 10 through May 16, 2026 as Prevention Week in  
9 the State of Illinois; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That we commend the leadership and commitment of  
11 the many agencies and partners across the State whose work  
12 supports prevention coalition, youth leaders, schools, and  
13 families who work tirelessly to create safe and supportive  
14 environments through prevention and mental health promotion,  
15 in particular the Illinois Prevention Network, including the  
16 Illinois Association for Behavioral Health, THRIVE Youth  
17 Coalition and THRIVE Parenting Project, the Wabash County Drug  
18 Free Community Coalition, Healthy Communities Alliance,  
19 Catalyst Stevenson High School, Family Guidance Centers, the  
20 Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community, the DuPage  
21 County Prevention Leadership Team (PLT), the Choose Your Path  
22 Coalition (Wauconda area), the Carroll County Substance  
23 Education Coalition, Prevention First, the Stand Strong

1 Coalition, the Communities for Positive Youth Development  
2 Coalition (CPYD), the Link Together Coalition, the Boone  
3 County Drug Prevention Coalition, the Community-The Anti-Drug  
4 Coalition & LEAD: Lead & Educate Against Drugs Youth  
5 Coalitions - Deerfield & Highland Park High Schools, the  
6 Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition, Live Well Mendota, and  
7 the Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition."