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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Illinois is a national leader in agricultural
3 productivity, with more than 75% of the State's land used for
4 farming, and soil health is critical to the sustainability and
5 resilience of our agricultural systems; and

6 WHEREAS, Healthy soil is essential for growing food,
7 improving water quality, enhancing biodiversity, storing
8 carbon, and mitigating the effects of climate change; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois family farmers have been stewards of the
10 land for generations, using innovative practices and
11 conservation techniques to preserve soil health for future
12 generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Promoting soil health aligns with the goals of
14 environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and community
15 well-being across rural and urban areas of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Raising awareness about the importance of soil
17 health will encourage greater adoption of conservation
18 practices and support the work of farmers, soil scientists,
19 and conservation organizations throughout the State; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing the contributions of Illinois family

1 farmers and supporting soil health education will help ensure
2 the long-term productivity and sustainability of Illinois
3 agriculture; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the first
6 full week of March 2026 as Soil Health Week in the State of
7 Illinois to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of
8 soil health and to honor the essential role of Illinois family
9 farmers in preserving our land and feeding our communities;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we encourage schools, agricultural
12 organizations, conservation groups, and communities to observe
13 Soil Health Week through educational activities, outreach, and
14 the promotion of soil stewardship practices; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Illinois Department of Agriculture and to
17 soil and water conservation districts across the State in
18 recognition of their contributions to this vital cause.