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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois recognize the dedication and efforts of the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter and their volunteers who for over 67 years have been fighting for the health and well-being of America's children and are now taking on the problem of prematurity; and

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WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter has made a difference in the lives of over 22,000 premature babies born annually in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter is recognized for its programs to improve prematurity risk detection and prevent preterm births; and

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WHEREAS, Thanks to the research and education programs funded by the March of Dimes, every premature baby born has an increased chance for survival; and

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WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter serves as a resource for information about healthy pregnancies and prematurity; and

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WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter works to increase awareness of the risk factors associated with premature birth such as smoking, drinking, and substance use; and

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WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Illinois Chapter has successfully advocated to expand access to health coverage for pregnant women, infants, and children; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby proclaim November 15, 2005 as Premature Awareness Day in Illinois and

1 encourage all citizens to be cognizant of the many wonderful
2 and lifesaving services the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter
3 provides to the people of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the March of Dimes Illinois Chapter as an
6 expression of our esteem.