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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2011, this year's Earth Day, Earth is 3 facing consequences of climate change that may be caused by 4 increased carbon production due to human activity; and

5 WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to 6 do their best to raise awareness about global warming and other 7 environmental issues, like wasting water; and

8 WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all citizens and communities to 9 do their best to cut their carbon production, shrink their 10 carbon footprint, and reduce water waste; and

11 WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater 12 Chicago is a federation of more than 60 community 13 organizations, mosques, and schools representing the Muslim 14 community in Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic lunar 16 calendar, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, abstaining 17 completely from eating and drinking during this time, for the 18 whole month; and

WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of GreaterChicago launched a campaign during Ramadan in 2009 called Green

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1 Ramadan to raise awareness among the Muslim community in
2 Illinois about the environment and to encourage the reduction
3 of carbon production, encourage recycling, and reduce wasted
4 water and consumption; and

5 WHEREAS, The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater 6 Chicago will designate Ramadan every year as a Green Month, 7 dedicated to raising awareness within the Muslim community 8 about their responsibility about the Earth, the environment, 9 and biodiversity; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, ΒY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THE 11 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the leading role of the Council of Islamic 12 13 Organizations of Greater Chicago in raising awareness about 14 green issues and the environment within the faith community; 15 and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate the month of Ramadan, the 9th month of the Islamic lunar calendar, as a Green Month in the State of Illinois in order to promote awareness among faith communities about environmental issues, the reduction of carbon production, and the reduction of wasted water.