

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Education and all Indiana schools to declare Monday, April 8, 2024, an e-learning day for observance of the total solar eclipse.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department  
2 of Education and all Indiana schools to declare Monday, April  
3 8, 2024, an e-learning day for observance of the total solar  
4 eclipse.

5           *Whereas, Indiana will experience a solar eclipse on April*  
6 *8, 2024, with many central Indiana communities experiencing*  
7 *a total solar eclipse, during which the moon completely hides*  
8 *the solar surface;*

9           *Whereas, A total solar eclipse is among the rarest and most*  
10 *spectacular of celestial events, with the last total solar eclipse*  
11 *passing over Indiana 819 years ago and the next not expected*  
12 *to occur for over 100 years;*

13           *Whereas, This once-in-a-lifetime event presents both a*  
14 *tremendous learning opportunity for students of all grade*  
15 *levels, as well as a tremendous economic opportunity for local*  
16 *communities;*

17           *Whereas, The Indiana Destination Development*  
18 *Corporation projects the 2024 solar eclipse to be among the*  
19 *largest tourist events ever in Indiana, with an estimated*

2024

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1       600,000 visitors expected for this one-day event;

2               *Whereas, With this unprecedented economic and*  
3       *educational opportunity will come unprecedented logistical*  
4       *challenges at the local level, including significant traffic and*  
5       *safety concerns; and*

6               *Whereas, Totality of the eclipse will occur between 3:02*  
7       *p.m. and 3:09 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, coinciding with the*  
8       *release times of many Indiana school corporations, thus*  
9       *compounding the logistical challenges local communities are*  
10       *expected to face and precluding some students from*  
11       *experiencing the total eclipse firsthand: Therefore,*

12                               *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
13                               *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

14               SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the Indiana  
15       Department of Education and the 291 school districts in Indiana  
16       to declare April 8, 2024, an e-learning day for observance of the  
17       total solar eclipse.

18               SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby  
19       directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Indiana  
20       Department of Education and the Indiana Association of Public  
21       School Superintendents for distribution to its members.

