

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

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION acknowledging the significant  
2 contributions made by the Special Olympics movement across  
3 the world and to the State of Indiana and urging Governor  
4 Holcomb to Recognize June 6, 2019, the 50th anniversary of  
5 the inaugural Indiana Summer Games, as "Special Olympics  
6 Day".

7           *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana is a nonprofit*  
8 *organization that is a part of the global Special Olympics*  
9 *movement, using sport, health, education, and leadership*  
10 *programs every day around the world to end discrimination*  
11 *against and empower people with intellectual disabilities;*

12           *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana provides year-round*  
13 *sports training and athletic competition in more than 20*  
14 *Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual*  
15 *disabilities at no cost to the participants;*

16           *Whereas, The Special Olympics movement uses the power*  
17 *of sport as a catalyst for social change, opening hearts and*  
18 *minds toward people with intellectual disabilities and creating*  
19 *inclusive communities throughout the world;*

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1           *Whereas, More than 16,000 Hoosiers with intellectual*  
2           *disabilities are involved in Special Olympics programming and*  
3           *events each year, in virtually every county in the state;*

4           *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana's Health Program is*  
5           *working to address significant health disparities facing people*  
6           *with intellectual disabilities, providing no-cost access to health*  
7           *screenings, education, and resources;*

8           *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana's Unified Champion*  
9           *Schools Program, including its groundbreaking "Champions*  
10           *Together" partnership with the IHSAA, has engaged 610*  
11           *schools and more than 262,000 Indiana students of all ages and*  
12           *abilities in inclusive activities and Unified Sports;*

13           *Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana's Athlete Leadership*  
14           *Program empowers people with intellectual disabilities to*  
15           *develop leadership skills and utilize their voices and abilities to*  
16           *undertake meaningful leadership roles, influence change in the*  
17           *Special Olympics movement, and create inclusive communities*  
18           *around the state and the world;*

19           *Whereas, "Indiana Special Olympics" was founded in 1969*  
20           *by Professors Tom Songster and Judy Campbell on the campus*  
21           *of Indiana State University in Terre Haute and is celebrating its*  
22           *50th anniversary this year;*

23           *Whereas, The Indiana Summer Games are the largest*  
24           *annual event held by Special Olympics Indiana, drawing nearly*  
25           *3,000 competitors and thousands of volunteers and spectators*  
26           *to Terre Haute each June; and*

27           *Whereas, The first Indiana Summer Games were held June*  
28           *6, 1969 at Bush Stadium and the Riviera Club in Indianapolis:*  
29           *Therefore,*

30                           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
31                           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate acknowledges the significant  
2 contributions made by the Special Olympics movement across the  
3 world and to the State of Indiana and urges Governor Holcomb to  
4 recognize June 6, 2019, the 50th anniversary of the inaugural Indiana  
5 Summer Games, as "Special Olympics Day".

6           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Special Olympics Indiana  
8 President & CEO Jeff Mohler.

