

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 605

Offered by Senators Millner, Althoff, Rutherford and Muñoz

WHEREAS, In response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, it was determined that Illinois local law enforcement lacked a central organization that could coordinate mutual aid between law enforcement agencies in the event of natural or man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, known as ILEAS, was created to coordinate mutual aid between law enforcement agencies when a disaster in one jurisdiction exceeds the law enforcement capabilities of that jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS, pursuant to State statutes, has become a consortium of local governments that consists of over 900 Illinois police and sheriff departments, representing nearly 99% of all law enforcement officers in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS is governed by professional police chiefs and sheriffs elected by their peers from regions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS has repeatedly demonstrated a dedication to providing assistance to local law enforcement agencies in times of need; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS routinely assists local law enforcement with preparations to respond to disasters through the efficient administration of over \$60,000,000 in federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS is a gubernatorial appointee to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, charged with representing local law enforcement in regards to Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS has developed a national reputation for professionalism through the Illinois response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the development of special teams, whose purpose is to respond in times of need; and

WHEREAS, This national reputation led the Pittsburgh Police Department to immediately call ILEAS for assistance when it first learned that Pittsburgh was to host the G20 Economic Summit; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS successfully organized 60 local law enforcement agencies to send 150 police officers from the ILEAS Mobile Field Force teams to Pittsburgh, where they actively assisted the Pittsburgh Police Department in maintaining security for the G20 Economic Summit; and

WHEREAS, The ILEAS model of inter-governmental cooperation has successfully demonstrated that cooperation can lead to great accomplishments and better serve the interests of the citizens of Illinois and the nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the Illinois Law

Enforcement Alarm System as a consortium of local governments, whose interest is the protection of the citizens of Illinois in times of crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we further recognize the great efforts put forth by the ILEAS membership in creating a successful system of mutual aid to provide assistance when called upon by all law enforcement agencies in Illinois.

Adopted by the Senate, March 4, 2010.



President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate