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1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46**

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4 *Designating the week of the fourth Monday in January, in 2027 and in each succeeding year, as Winter Salt*
5 *Week in Virginia.*

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7 Referred to Committee on Rules

8 WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness among residents, businesses, and local government
9 agencies about the responsible use of winter salt to protect both public safety and the long-term health of the
10 environment; and11 WHEREAS, chloride contamination from winter salt has been found in lakes, streams, and groundwater
12 across the region and throughout the Commonwealth; and13 WHEREAS, Winter Salt Week is observed by public and private entities across the nation and serves as
14 an opportunity to educate Virginians on smart salting practices, including effective application methods and
15 environmental considerations; and16 WHEREAS, reducing the overuse of winter salt not only protects the Commonwealth's freshwater
17 resources but also minimizes damage to infrastructure and property and reduces harm to aquatic plants and
18 animals; and19 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is committed to a sustainable approach to winter maintenance for the
20 benefit of present and future generations and has developed the Virginia Salt Management Strategy (SaMS)
21 to mitigate environmental harm; and22 WHEREAS, Virginians can contribute to salt pollution reduction efforts locally by learning about and
23 implementing recommendations from SaMS, including salt application best management practices, safe
24 winter driving, smart salting tools and resources, and other aspects of the program; and25 WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Winter Salt Workgroup is a coalition of governmental and non-
26 governmental organizations led by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission working to reduce road salt
27 pollution throughout the region by providing resources on winter salt best practices to businesses,
28 homeowners, condo associations, and other winter salt applicators; now, therefore, be it29 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the
30 week of the fourth Monday in January, in 2027 and in each succeeding year, as Winter Salt Week in Virginia;
31 and, be it32 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to
33 the Northern Virginia Winter Salt Workgroup so that members of the organization may be apprised of the
34 sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it35 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on
36 the General Assembly's website.

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