

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 2016 marks the 31st anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a season to educate women about breast cancer and the importance of early detection through mammography; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, a projected 246,660 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women across the United States in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, 40,450 women are estimated to lose their lives to breast cancer in the year 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) offers free breast exams and mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women; and,

WHEREAS, the IBCCP served 17,388 women with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in FY 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the IBCCP is projected to serve 16,905 women in Illinois with cancer screening and diagnostic services in FY 2017; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,440 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women; and,

WHEREAS, the best chance for detecting breast cancer early is through mammography screening, and earlier detection gives higher survival rates; and,

WHEREAS, since 1993, the United States has recognized the third Friday in October as National Mammography Day;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and October 21, 2016, as **MAMMOGRAPHY DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join me in the continued fight against breast cancer.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR