



WHEREAS, October 2017 marks the 32nd 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, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, a projected 252,710 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women across the United States in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, 40,610 women are estimated to lose their lives to breast cancer in the year 2017; 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 15,391 women with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in FY 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the IBCCP is projected to serve 16,000 women in Illinois with cancer screening and diagnostic services in FY 2018; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,820 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018; 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 2017 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and October 20, 2017, 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 FOURTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and NINETY-NINTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR