

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Illinois Department of Public Health is to promote the health of the people of Illinois through the prevention and control of disease and injury; and,

**WHEREAS**, antibiotics are life-saving drugs, but can cause individuals unnecessary and significant harm when used incorrectly or when not needed; and,

**WHEREAS**, up to 50 percent of all the antibiotics prescribed for people are not needed or are not optimally effective as prescribed, which makes improving antibiotic prescribing and use a national priority; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois has an antibiotic prescribing rate of 846 antibiotic prescriptions per 1000 which exceeds the national average; and,

**WHEREAS**, antibiotic resistance is a public health crisis, causing more than two million illnesses and at least 23,000 deaths in the United States each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, improved antibiotic use will help to fight antibiotic resistance, and prolong these life-saving drugs for future generations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health, local organizations, and stakeholders are partnering to implement public health interventions, educate healthcare professionals, and raise the awareness of the general public about the appropriate use of antibiotics;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 2018 as **ANTIBIOTICS AWARENESS WEEK** in Illinois and encourage all Illinois citizens to educate themselves, their families, and their communities about appropriate antibiotic use.

**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 THIRTY-FIRST day of OCTOBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*  
GOVERNOR