WHEREAS, October 2015 marks the 30th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a season to educate women and men 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 231,840 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed across the United States in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, 40,290 women are estimated to lose their lives to breast cancer in the year 2015; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program served 19,944 women with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in FY 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program is projected to serve 13,052 women in Illinois with cancer screening and diagnostic services in FY 2016; 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 2015 as BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and October 16, 2015, 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 SECOND day of OCTOBER, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and FIFTEEN, and of the State of Illinois, one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR