



WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month to promote education about cervical cancer causes, screenings and treatments; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 12,900 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2015 in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 4,100 women lost their lives to cervical cancer in 2015 in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, 500 women are expected to be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2015 in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program offers free breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams, Pap tests, diagnostic services, and referral to treatment options to eligible uninsured and underinsured women; and,

WHEREAS, IBCCP identified 290 cervical abnormalities with 16 identified cervical cancers in FY 2015; and, over the past 5 years, has identified 170 cases of cervical cancer; and,

WHEREAS, with routine screening and follow-up, cervical cancer is highly preventable; and,

WHEREAS, early detection through routine screening can significantly increase chances of survival; and,

WHEREAS, throughout January, public and private organizations as well as state and local governments around the country will promote education about cervical cancer causes, screenings, and treatments;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all women to receive regular screenings, and invite each citizen to join the continued fight against cervical 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 ELEVENTH day of JANURARY, 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