



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

WHEREAS, antibiotics are lifesaving when used correctly for bacterial infections, but can cause individuals unnecessary and significant harm when used incorrectly or when not needed; and,

WHEREAS, nationwide, one out of every three prescriptions for antibiotics are unnecessary or incorrectly prescribed; and,

WHEREAS, antibiotics become less effective for everyone as bacteria become resistant to them; 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, all health care facilities are required to develop programs to improve antibiotic use; and,

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play to improve antibiotic use and fight antibiotic resistance; and,

WHEREAS, working in partnership, the Illinois Department of Public Health, local organizations, and stakeholders seek to raise awareness and educate health care workers and the general public about the appropriate use of antibiotics;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2017, as ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK in Illinois, and encourage all Illinoisans to educate themselves, their families, and their communities about best practices regarding the appropriate use of antibiotics.

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 EIGHTEENTH *day of* OCTOBER, *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