



WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children recognizes that children have unique physiological responses to illness and injury; and,

WHEREAS, EMS for Children promotes a specialized approach to pediatric care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' emergency medical services system strives to integrate pediatric emergency care needs across a wide spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 11 standby emergency departments and 89 emergency departments approved for pediatrics; 10 pediatric critical care centers; 7,894 first responder defibrillators; 20,469 basic, 605 intermediate, and 15,768 paramedic EMTs; 4,959 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,702 trauma nurse specialists; 409 pre-hospital registered nurses; and 2,892 emergency medical dispatchers dedicated to promoting preventive measures, pre-hospital care, emergency department services, outpatient and specialized services, and inpatient and rehabilitative care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois champions the nation's EMS for Children commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2017, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in Illinois.

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 THIRTEENTH *day of* APRIL *, 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