



*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.*

*Dee Dee White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR