



WHEREAS, in 2017, nearly 340 cases of tuberculosis (TB) disease were reported in Illinois, an incidence rate of 2.6 TB cases per 100,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois remains among states reporting the highest incidence of TB cases in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, there is a disproportionate burden of TB among minorities and persons born outside the United States; and,

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of household members, health care employees, and others who share the air of infectious tuberculosis patients are at risk of becoming infected with the tuberculosis bacterium and progressing to active disease; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health is working to promote prompt diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis cases; implement strategies to prevent tuberculosis in children; improve working relationships between public health providers and private providers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, managed care organizations, and others; and decrease tuberculosis transmission in health care facilities and community settings; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining control of TB in Illinois requires strengthening current TB control and prevention systems; progress toward the elimination of TB cannot occur without mobilizing support and engaging in global TB prevention and control; and,

WHEREAS, this year's World Tuberculosis Day theme of "Wanted: Leaders for a TB-Free United States. We can make history. End TB," recognizes that TB prevention and control is possible, that every individual can have a role in stopping TB, and that Illinois is committed to working toward the elimination of tuberculosis;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2018, as **WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY** in Illinois, urge all citizens to increase their awareness and understanding of tuberculosis infection and disease, and to join the global effort to stop the spread of this disease.*

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 TWENTY-SECOND day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR