

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and,

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month aims to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "America's Workforce: Empowering All," is accordant with the State of Illinois' dedication to improving the lives of all Illinoisans by employing skilled individuals of all ability levels; and,

WHEREAS, activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent that people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities, and affirm Illinois' commitment to an inclusive community;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all employers, schools, and other community organizations in Illinois to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance the important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year.

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundredth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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