

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

WHEREAS, children hold a special place in our lives. Raising happy, healthy children is the greatest success any parent can hope to achieve and should be an important goal of every member of society because children are profoundly influenced by the people and the environment around them; and,

WHEREAS, the strongest influence is often a child's family, but good schools and nurturing communities also play a vital role in helping children reach their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, children are the future of Illinois and it is important that we take action to ensure that they are provided a positive start to life; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, we place the utmost value on the safety and welfare of our children and we strongly support programs designed to advocate for their best interests; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens work to promote an environment of hope and love for children; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is dedicated to ensuring the health, education and well-being of our children, and we pledge to continue our commitment to ensuring a bright future for all of our young people; and,

WHEREAS, Children's Day focuses on inspiring parents to take positive action and serve as role models for society, and encourages individuals to consider how their actions affect future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the second Sunday in June has been set aside as a day to celebrate children and reaffirm our commitment to their needs; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 9, 2013 as **CHILDREN'S DAY** in Illinois, and urge all members of the community to unite in participating in the education, recognition, and inspiration of our state's children.

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 MAY, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR