

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 2022 marks the 37th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a month to educate women about breast cancer and the importance of early detection through mammography; and,

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and a projected 287,850 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women across the United States in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, overall, breast cancer incidence (rate of new cases) is lower among Black women than among White women, but disparities persist in breast cancer mortality as more Black women die of breast cancer than any other racial or ethnic group, despite their lower incidence rate; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health's Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) offers free breast exams and mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women; and,

WHEREAS, regular mammograms can help find breast cancer at an early stage, when treatment is most successful; and since 1993, the United States has recognized the third Friday in October as National Mammography Day;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and October 21, 2022, as **Mammography Day** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join me in the continued fight against breast cancer and health inequities.*

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-NINTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR