STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *all residents owe a debt of gratitude to the firefighters of Illinois who selflessly risk their lives to protect people and keep our families and our property safe; and,*

WHEREAS, *every day, these men and women face great risks and often put their lives in danger to perform their duties; and,*

WHEREAS, *on October 25, 2026, 35-year-old Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District Firefighter Greg Witt died in the line of duty; and,*

WHEREAS, *a valiant and passionate public servant, Firefighter Witt's dedication to his community was unparalleled, having served with the Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District for nearly 7 years; and,*

WHEREAS, *Firefighter Witt is survived by his mother, Mary Witt; brothers, Kevin and Karl; as well as many other family and friends;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to lower flags to half-staff from sunrise Thursday, October 29, 2026, until sundown Friday, October 30, 2026, in honor and remembrance of Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District Firefighter Greg Witt, whose service shall forever be an inspiration to the people of Illinois.*

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-EIGHTH *day of* OCTOBER*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-SIX*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* SEVENTH*.*

Alexi Giannoulias
SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR