



STATE OF ILLINOIS

 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from abuse, neglect, violence or endangerment of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect causes serious harm to child development and has lifelong effects that endanger safety, hinder permanency and reduce well-being, creating greater demands on society; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations, and government entities throughout Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Illinoisans have made more than 235,000 calls to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline each year, offer temporary safe haven for more than 14,000 children as foster families, and have provided permanent, loving homes for more than 17,000 children through adoption over the last decade; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention programs in Illinois are effective because of partnerships created by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Strengthening Families Illinois, Children's Home + Aid Society of Illinois, Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois, Voices for Illinois Children, and other government entities, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, businesses and individual citizens; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is celebrating 50 years of protecting children, supporting families and preventing abuse and neglect; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to support child abuse prevention programs and report suspected cases of abuse to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 25-ABUSE.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Doree White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this _____ TENTH _____ day of _____ FEBRUARY _____, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ FOURTEEN _____, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and _____ NINETY-SIXTH _____.

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR