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Pat Quinn, Governor

Joseph Costigan, Director

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Statement from Illinois Department of Labor Director on Labor Day

SPRINGFIELD—September 2, 2013. Illinois Department of Labor Director Joseph Costigan issued the following statement for Labor Day:

“On Labor Day, we honor and recognize millions of working men and women for strengthening Illinois through their hard work and perseverance.

“We are proud that under the leadership of Governor Pat Quinn, our state has some of the strongest protections in the country for workers. On this Labor Day holiday, Gov. Quinn today honored workers across Illinois by underscoring his continuous efforts to increase Illinois’ minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$10. The Governor remains committed to ensuring all working families in Illinois remain above the national poverty level and gain financial independence to help boost the state’s overall economy.

“Through enforcement of the state labor laws, the Department has recovered more than \$3 million in unpaid and underpaid wages so far this year on behalf of thousands of Illinois workers.

“Every day, the Department works diligently to protect workers rights to the minimum wage, prevailing wage on Illinois public works projects, earned overtime and equal pay for equal work. We also ensure healthy and safe workplaces for public sector workers and protect workers in the construction industry who are improperly classified as independent contractors, so that they receive wages and benefits they are entitled to by law.

“The Department remains committed to Illinois workers and their families and will continue to reinforce its critical role in protecting their working rights, safety and economic well-being.”

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