



Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution states that each person has the right to a healthful environment, and that the public policy of the state of Illinois and the duty of each person is to provide and maintain a healthful environment for the benefit of this and future generations; and
- WHEREAS, the state is committed to conserving, improving and protecting natural resources and the environment; preventing water, air and land pollution; minimizing greenhouse gas emissions; and enhancing the health, safety of its residents; and
- WHEREAS, the state of Illinois is working hard to encourage green practices in order to create a healthier, safer state that encourages and implements sustainable growth and maintenance; and
- WHEREAS, the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council was established to encourage cost-effective sustainability measures that enhance health and safety, reduce the consumption of energy and fuels, conserve water, minimize emissions and reduce solid and hazardous wastes; and
- WHEREAS, by making sustainable choices, the state of Illinois can lead by example in minimizing potential environmental and health impacts, while saving taxpayer money; and
- WHEREAS, to build a better future for forthcoming generations, we all must work together to develop a greater respect for our environment, to protect our water, land, and air, and to maintain environmental stability; and
- WHEREAS, although every day should be Earth Day, and every month should be Earth Month, the month of April, which includes both Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 30, provides the perfect time to raise awareness of environmental conservation efforts:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as **EARTH MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to act as responsible stewards of our planet during this month and throughout the entire year.

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 NINTH *day of* APRIL , *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
 TEN , *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR