



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, 2009 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chicago International Film Festival presented by Cinema/Chicago; and
- WHEREAS, Cinema/Chicago is a year-round cultural and educational organization dedicated to fostering better communication between people of diverse cultures through the art of film and the moving image; and
- WHEREAS, the Chicago International Film Festival is the oldest competitive international film festival in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, each year, Cinema/Chicago produces the two-week Festival in October, screening more than 150 of the best films of all genres from 45 countries; and
- WHEREAS, reflecting Chicago's rich cultural and ethnic diversity, the Chicago International Film Festival features programs that engage a broad cross-section of the city's population; and
- WHEREAS, the Festival not only serves to share some of the most anticipated films from around the world, but also spotlights Illinois' status as a second to none filmmaking state, showcasing the best features, documentaries, and short films with their roots in the Land of Lincoln; and
- WHEREAS, a world-class film destination, the State of Illinois is proud that the film industry continues to contribute richly to our economy by attracting businesses and providing thousands of job opportunities for Illinoisans; and
- WHEREAS, this year, Cinema/Chicago will celebrate the Chicago International Film Festival from October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 8-22, 2009 as **CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL DAYS** in Illinois in celebration of Cinema/Chicago's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Chicago International Film Festival.

*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*           EIGHTH           *day of*           OCTOBER          , *in*  
*the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*  
          NINE          , *and of the State of Illinois*  
*the one hundred and*           NINETY-FIRST          

*Osse White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR