



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Winter Olympic Games are a multi-sport event which has been held every four years since 1924, with the exception of 1944; and  
WHEREAS, in 2010 the Winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver, Canada, marking the third time Canada has hosted the Olympic Games; and  
WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has a long and rich history of sporting tradition, and a number of athletes representing the United States in the 2010 Winter Olympics hail from the Land of Lincoln; and  
WHEREAS, of the 216 athletes on the U.S. Team, 10 have local ties; and  
WHEREAS, Chicago native Ben Agosto is considered a favorite in ice dancing with his partner Tanith Belbin; and  
WHEREAS, former Plainfield Central High School Female Athlete of the Year Lisa Chesson will play for the U.S. Hockey Team; and  
WHEREAS, Chicagoan Shani Davis, the first African American athlete to win a gold medal in an individual Winter Games sport in 2006, will return to defend his title in speedskating; and  
WHEREAS, 2009 Glenbrook South High School graduate Lana Gehring is one of the youngest athletes on the U.S. team, and he will compete on the 3,000 meter relay skating team; and  
WHEREAS, speedskater Brian Hansen of Glenview is the Junior American record holder in the 1,500 meters and youngest member of the U.S. long-track speedskating team; and  
WHEREAS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign physics major and speedskater Jonathan Kuck will compete in the 10,000 meters and team-pursuit races; and  
WHEREAS, Naperville's Evan Lysacek will compete for U.S. gold in figure skating; and  
WHEREAS, hobsledder Jamie Moriarty of Winnetka is a former arena football player who won two gold medals in four-man bobsled in the 2009 America's Cup; and  
WHEREAS, speedskater Katherine Reutter of Champaign gained her inspiration from fellow Illinoisan, the great Bonnie Blair, and won four silver medals at the 2009 Short Track Speedskating World Cup; and  
WHEREAS, Nancy Swider-Pelz Jr. of Wheaton made the speedskating long-track team by winning the 3,000 meters at the U.S. Championships in Utah; and  
WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is proud to honor its Olympic athletes as the 2010 Winter Games get underway in Vancouver:

THHEREFORE, be it resolved, by the State of Illinois, that I hereby proclaim February 12, 2010 as **ILLINOIS 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS ATHLETES' DAY** in recognition of our state's Olympians, and offer my best wishes for success at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

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

*Esse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR