



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year on Veteran's Day, Illinois citizens pay tribute to our veterans that have served our county proudly; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize the brave men and women who have served our country, not only on the day set aside to honor our nation's veterans, but throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, our servicemembers are deployed throughout the world to keep us safe. They risk their lives in the deserts of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan and serve bravely in many other parts of the world to ensure our security; and

WHEREAS, the men and women in uniform who have answered the call to duty deserve our deepest respect and recognition for enduring the most difficult of conditions to protect America and her highest ideals; and

WHEREAS, as these true heroes carry out their missions, it is important that those of us on the home front work to support them in every way we can; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, Operation Support our Troops-Illinois is leading the "Illinois Has Not Forgotten" campaign; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this campaign is to encourage every citizen of Illinois to actively show their support for our troops during the month of November by donating items to be sent to our overseas servicemembers in care packages; and

WHEREAS, throughout November, residents across Illinois are encouraged to display their unwavering commitment to honoring our servicemembers for their courageous and patriotic duty in defending our country; and

WHEREAS, during this month I ask all Illinoisans to acknowledge the sacrifices of our service members and join me in humble thanks:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as **SUPPORT OUR TROOPS MONTH** in Illinois, and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

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

*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR