

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, quality, cost-effective and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by PAs (physician assistants) contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all patients of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, PAs are academically and clinically prepared medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider; and,

WHEREAS, PAs are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping them understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for their own health; and,

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to the medical team, PAs enhance the delivery of high quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and for their commitment to team-based care and ensure delivery of effective and efficient healthcare services; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants says the more than 3,000 PAs in Illinois are working in health care teams across the state to save lives and provide basic medical care;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2018, as **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all of our residents to recognize PAs for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

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 NINETEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR