

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, agriculture is the State of Illinois' largest industry, employing more than 75,000 farm operators in food and fiber industries; and,*

*WHEREAS, the average Illinois farmer feeds more than 155 people each year, providing safe, affordable, and nutritious food for families across the United States and around the world; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois farmers perform a range of physically demanding and potentially dangerous tasks every day - the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the agriculture industry had 453 fatalities in 2021; and,*

*WHEREAS, the third week in September has been recognized nationally as Farm Safety and Health Week every year beginning in 1944;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2024, as **National Farm Safety and Health Week** in Illinois to honor the efforts of Illinois farmers and to help prepare future generations of Illinois farmers with the knowledge and training necessary to help ensure they stay safe and healthy.*

*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 THIRTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and FIFTH.*

*Alexi Giannouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR