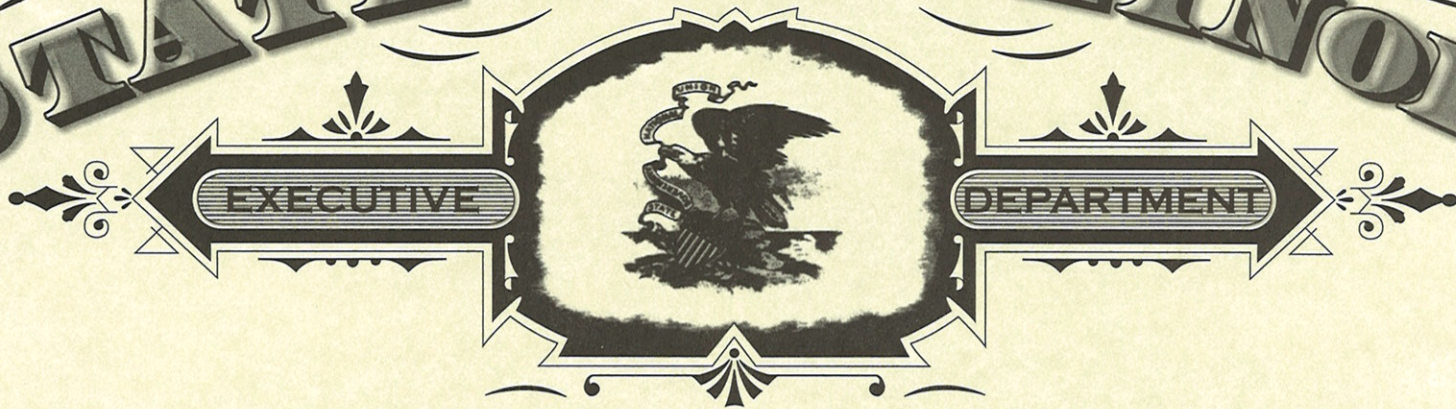


STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, bullying can happen anytime, anywhere to people of all ages, genders, races, and educational levels; and,

WHEREAS, everyone can help stop bullying. Adults have a responsibility to protect and serve as role models for kids, and children can do their part by speaking up to an adult they trust when they notice bullying happening; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that, within a community, all people feel accepted, supported, and valued. This can be achieved through social inclusion, which is a behavior that all children can be taught; and,

WHEREAS, through the "Weed Out Hate" initiative, children are given packets of seeds which, when planted, need love and support just like people; and,

WHEREAS, when we remove weeds from our yards and gardens, it symbolizes the hate and prejudice that must be removed from our communities; and,

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2011, "Weed Out Hate" will once again call upon children to remove hate and prejudice by planting seeds of peace; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2011 as **WEED OUT HATE DAY** and encourage communities throughout the Land of Lincoln to promote peace.

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 TWENTY-FIRST *day of* JUNE, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
ELEVEN, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR