



WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children recognizes that children have unique physiological responses to illness and injury; and,

WHEREAS, EMS for Children promotes a specialized approach to pediatric care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' emergency medical services system strives to integrate pediatric emergency care needs across a wide spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 13 standby emergency departments and 88 emergency departments approved for pediatrics; 10 pediatric critical care centers; 7,580 first responder defibrillators; 20,333 basic, 564 intermediate, and 15,992 paramedic EMTs; 4,837 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,652 trauma nurse specialists; 420 pre-hospital registered nurses; and 2,948 emergency medical dispatchers dedicated to promoting preventive measures, pre-hospital care, emergency department services, outpatient and specialized services, and inpatient and rehabilitative care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois champions the nation's EMS for Children commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 23, 2018, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in Illinois.*

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 APRIL, 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