



*WHEREAS, 344 cases of active tuberculosis (TB) were reported in Illinois and one case of extensively drug resistant tuberculosis needed Illinois response in 2015; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois remains among states reporting the highest incidence of TB cases in the nation; and WHEREAS, there is a disproportionate burden of TB in minorities and persons born outside the United States; and,*

*WHEREAS, each year thousands of household members, health care employees and others who share the air of infectious tuberculosis patients are at risk of becoming infected with the tuberculosis bacterium and progressing to active disease; and ,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health is working to promote prompt diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis cases, implementation of strategies to prevent tuberculosis in children, improved working relationships between public health providers and private providers, hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, managed care organizations and others, and decreased tuberculosis transmission in health care facilities and community settings; and,*

*WHEREAS, maintaining control of TB in Illinois requires strengthening current TB control and prevention systems; and,*

*WHEREAS, progress toward the elimination of TB cannot occur without mobilizing support and engaging in global TB prevention and control; and,*

*WHEREAS, this year's World Tuberculosis Day local theme of "Prevent TB, control TB," national theme of "End TB," and global theme of "Reach the 3 Million," recognize that tuberculosis prevention and control is possible, that every individual can have a role in stopping TB, and that Illinois is committed to working toward the elimination of tuberculosis;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim March 24, 2016 as **WORLD TB DAY** in Illinois and urge all citizens to increase their awareness and understanding of tuberculosis infection and disease and to join the global effort to stop the spread of this disease.*

*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 SEVENTH day of MARCH, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR