



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 12 standby emergency departments approved for pediatrics, 88 emergency departments approved for pediatrics, 10 pediatric critical care centers, 8,052 first responder defibrillators, 20,668 basic EMTs, 610 intermediate EMTs, 15,444 paramedic EMTs, 4,746 emergency communications registered nurses, 2,819 trauma nurse specialists, 389 pre-hospital registered nurses and 3,012 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's commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 18, 2016, 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
 SIXTEEN , and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH .



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR