STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, October 2018 marks the 33rd anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a season to educate women about breast cancer and the importance of early detection through mammography; and,*

***WHEREAS**, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and,*

***WHEREAS**, a projected 266,120 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women across the United States in 2018; and,*

***WHEREAS**, 40,920 women are estimated to lose their lives to breast cancer in the year 2018; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) offers free breast exams and mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the IBCCP served 16,136 women with free breast and cervical cancer screenings in FY 2018; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the IBCCP is projected to serve 16,000 women in Illinois with cancer screening and diagnostic services in FY 2019; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the projected incidence rate for invasive female breast cancer is an estimated 11,030 women in 2019; and,*

***WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the best chance for detecting breast cancer early is through mammography screening, and earlier detection gives higher survival rates; and,*

***WHEREAS**, since 1993, the United States has recognized the third Friday in October as National Mammography Day;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and October 19, 2018, as **MAMMOGRAPHY DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join me in the continued fight against breast cancer.*

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 NINTH *day of* OCTOBER*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* EIGHTEEN*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundredth.*

SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AUG. 26TH 1818

Jesse White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR