



WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, the people of our great state and nation have worked together to ensure the preservation of the American ideals of freedom and liberty that we enjoy today; and,

WHEREAS, American patriotism has endured through times of turmoil and times of peace, carrying our nation through the darkest days of history and strengthening our commitment to the ideals upon which our country was founded; and,

WHEREAS, a deepening appreciation for those ideals help guarantee America's spirit of freedom and liberty; and,

WHEREAS, in great reverence to the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001 and in recognition of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, Patriot Week is a time to celebrate the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers as well as the countless patriots, vital documents, speeches, and flags that helped make America the great nation it is today;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2019 as **PATRIOT WEEK** in Illinois and encourage all residents to renew their appreciation and understanding of America's spirit and reflect on the importance of patriotism to America's past, present, and future.

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-SIXTH *day of* JULY, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
NINETEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIRST.

Dee Dee White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR