



WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, an observance that promotes education about cervical cancer causes, screenings and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 a projected 580 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, a projected 160 women in Illinois will not survive the disease this year; and

WHEREAS, with routine screening and follow-up, cervical cancer is highly preventable; and,

WHEREAS, early detection through routine screening can also significantly increase chances of survival; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) provides free mammograms, breast exams, and Pap tests to uninsured women. The IBCCP has provided 16,327 cervical cancer screenings in the past fiscal year alone; and,

WHEREAS, throughout January, public and private organizations and state and local governments all around the country will promote education about cervical cancer causes, screenings and treatment; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2013 as **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois to raise awareness about cervical cancer, encourage all women to get screened regularly for the disease, and do hereby invite all citizens to join me in the continued fight against cervical 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 TWENTY-SEVENTH day of DECEMBER, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

TWELVE, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR