



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

WHEREAS, in 2014, a projected 550 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with cervical cancer; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, 190 women in Illinois were projected to have lost their life to cervical cancer; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) provides free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams, and Pap tests to uninsured women. The IBCCP has provided 15,883 cervical cancer screenings in the past fiscal year alone; and,

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

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2014 as **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all women to receive regular screenings, and invite each citizen to join 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 EIGHTEENTH day of DECEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-SIXTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR