



Proclamation

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 2012, a projected 670 women in Illinois will be diagnosed with cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, a projected 180 women in Illinois will not survive the disease; 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 17,947 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;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2012 as **CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois to raise awareness about cervical cancer, encourage all women to get screened regularly for the disease, and invite all citizens to join me in the continued fight against cervical cancer.

The Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capital, in the City of Springfield,

this THIRTEENTH day of DECEMBER, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD



Dee Witt
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR