



*WHEREAS, chambers of commerce work with businesses, merchants, and industries to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional, and cultural life of the State of Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, chambers of commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 180 years, since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838; and,*

*WHEREAS, this year marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization; and,*

*WHEREAS, chambers of commerce and their members provide citizens with a strong business environment that increases employment, retail trade and commerce, and industrial growth to make the State of Illinois a better place to live and work; and,*

*WHEREAS, chambers of commerce encourage the growth of existing industries, services, and commercial firms, and encourage new firms and individuals to locate in the State of Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is home to international chambers of commerce, the Great Lakes Region Office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and more than 400 local chambers of commerce; and,*

*WHEREAS, this year marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a career development organization for chamber of commerce professionals;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 10-14, 2018, as CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK in Illinois.*

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



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR