



WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children recognizes that children have unique physiological responses to illness and injury; and,

WHEREAS, EMS for Children promotes a specialized approach to pediatric care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' emergency medical services system strives to integrate pediatric emergency care needs across a wide spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 13 standby emergency departments approved for pediatrics, 87 emergency departments approved for pediatrics, 10 pediatric critical care centers, 16,051 first responders, 21,329 basic EMTs, 688 intermediate EMTs, 15,385 paramedic EMTs, 4665 emergency communications registered nurses, 2842 trauma nurse specialists, 368 pre-hospital registered nurses and 2847 emergency medical dispatchers dedicated to promoting preventive measures, pre-hospital care, emergency department services, outpatient and specialized services, and inpatient and rehabilitative care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois champions the nation's EMS for Children's commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 20, 2015, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
FIFTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH.

Debra White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR