



WHEREAS, December 7, 1941 is one of the most memorable dates of the 20th century. On that day, Japanese bombers attacked unsuspecting American sailors and soldiers stationed at Pearl Harbor; and,

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 Americans were killed, including 50 servicemen from Illinois, and another 1,000 were wounded during the bombardment, which outraged Americans as few other events in our nation's history; and,

WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt and Congress promptly declared war against Japan and its allies, and our sailors and soldiers performed superbly on all fronts. Together, a Grand Coalition of French, English, Russian, and American servicemen conducted mass campaigns and operations in the Pacific, African, and European theaters; and,

WHEREAS, on May 7, 1945 Germany surrendered, which was soon followed by Japan's surrender on August 14 of that same year; and,

WHEREAS, during the war, more American sailors and soldiers were mobilized than at any other time in our history. By war's end, more than eight million Americans were serving in the Army alone; and,

WHEREAS, thanks to the Grand Coalition, our servicemen, and all those at home who contributed to the war effort, the world was made safer for liberty and freedom, the right of all peoples everywhere, which were endangered by the aggressions of Germany and Japan; and,

WHEREAS, this year marks the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Although we can never repay all those who faithfully and honorably served during the war, we will always remember what they did and fought for:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2010 as **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY** in Illinois, and order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to fly their flags at half-staff on such day from sunrise until sunset in memory of all the heroes who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and in tribute to all the men and women whose sacrifices made the world safer for liberty and freedom.

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 SECOND *day of* DECEMBER *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TEN*, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR