

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field was built in 1914 and is the second oldest standing ballpark in Major League Baseball; and,

WHEREAS, on April 23, 1914, the Chi-Feds of the Federal League and Kansas City played the first Major League game in the stadium that would become known as Wrigley Field; and.

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field served as home of the Chi-Feds/Chicago Whales of the Federal League through the 1915 season. In 1916 it became home of the Chicago Cubs when the team was purchased by a group led by Charles Weeghman that also included minority stockholder William Wrigley Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, originally known as Weeghman Park, Wrigley Field was built on the grounds of a seminary and served as home to the Chicago Whales of The Federal League until William Wrigley Jr. became the largest stockholder in the team in 1919 and made it their new home calling it Cubs Park; and,

WHEREAS, in 1926, Cubs Park officially became renamed as Wrigley Field in honor of William Wrigley Jr., and has gone through several renovations and expansions since then: and.

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1929, Wrigley Field hosted its first World Series game; and,

WHEREAS, Hall of Famers who played for the Cubs are Ernie Banks, Andre Dawson, Gabby Hartnett, Fergie Jenkins, Ryne Sandberg, Ron Santo, and Billy Williams, and they have inspired loyal Cubs fans with their hitting power, fast balls, and competitive spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Jack Brickhouse, who broadcast more Cub games than anyone in history, became known for his optimism and signature expression "hey-hey!"; and,

WHEREAS, Harry Caray, the Cubs' broadcaster for sixteen years until his passing in 1998, was known for his bold personality and seventh-inning rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"; and,

WHEREAS, Hall of Famer Lou Boudreau teamed up with the legendary Vince Lloyd to describe thousands of Cubs games to millions of radio listeners; and,

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field served as home for the Chicago Bears until 1970; and,

WHEREAS, many special events have been held at the ballpark, including soccer games, rodeos, circuses, and ski jump tournaments; and,

WHEREAS, the 1992 the film "A League of Their Own" told the story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League founded by Philip K. Wrigley in 1943, and used Wrigley Field as a filming location; and,

WHEREAS, Wrigley Field has made vast economic contributions to the neighborhood of Wrigleyville and the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2014, Wrigley field will begin to celebrate its 100th season as a ballpark and its 98th year as home for The Chicago Cubs; and,

WHEREAS, Wrigley field, the last standing field where the late great Jackie Robinson played a major league game, has witnessed many historic moments in baseball history, including Babe Ruth's famous "called shot" during the 1932 World Series and Kerry Wood's numerous outstanding pitching performances; and,

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2014, the Chicago Cubs will play a 100th birthday game against the Arizona Diamondbacks; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Cubs are planning to celebrate Wrigley Field's 100th anniversary all season long and honor each decade of the ballpark's history by wearing retro jerseys, hosting special events and handing out commemorative giveaways to fans; and,

WHEREAS, a commemorative logo will be displayed all throughout the park this season; and,

WHEREAS, we look forward to the next one hundred years and hope that future generations of Cubs fans will continue to enjoy the future of this iconic ballpark; and, THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2014, as WRIGLEY FIELD DAY in Illinois, in recognition of the 100th

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2014, as WRIGLEY FIELD DAY in Illinois, in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of this world renowned ballpark that is a source of pride for Cubs fans and players as well as a critically important athletic, cultural, and economic institution in the Land of Lincoln.

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



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Pat Quinn GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE