

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, from northern Illinois into Chicago and down to southern Illinois, there are countless music fans across the Land of Lincoln; and,

WHEREAS, based out of Atlanta, Georgia, the three-time GRAMMY winners and multi-platinum artists Zac Brown Band have become one of music's most heralded acts; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band was founded by bassist John Hopkins, fiddler Jimmy De Martini, and Zac Brown, who developed a passion for music at a young age and began playing in local venues in Georgia as a teenager; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the three-time GRAMMY winning Zac Brown Band are Zac Brown, Jimmy De Martini, John Driskell Hopkins, Coy Bowles, Chris Fryar, Clay Cook, Daniel De Los Reyes, and Matt Mangano; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band's three platinum-selling albums, Uncaged, You Get What You Give, and The Foundation have together sold over six million copies; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band has recorded four studio albums and produced eleven #1 singles; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band's latest album, The Grohl Sessions Vol. 1, is out now on Southern Grand and features a 45-minute film by Southern Reel on the making of the album; and,

WHEREAS, always loyal to its fans, the Zac Brown Band performed for over 1.3 million people in 2013, in numerous venues across the nation and internationally; and,

WHEREAS, inspired by his own experiences as a camp counselor, Zac Brown is the driving force behind Camp Southern Ground, a state-of-the-art facility whose programs will allow children of all backgrounds to overcome academic, social, and emotional difficulties. The camp's mission is to help children reach their full potential by providing them with the opportunity and tools necessary to achieve excellence in all facets of their lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band is currently on the 'Great American Road Trip Tour,' which included a two-night stand at Fenway Park without any support acts, a feat only accomplished by four other bands; and,

WHEREAS, the Zac Brown Band will headline their first ever Wrigley Field concert on Saturday, September 13, 2014; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2014, as ZAC BROWN BAND DAY in Illinois, in recognition of their performance in Chicago and outstanding musical contributions.

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



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWELFTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
FOURTEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-SIXTH.

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR