



WHEREAS, Smokey the dog, who is used to train children to stop, drop, and roll if they catch on fire, makes her home at West Lafayette Avenue fire substation in Jacksonville, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Smokey, a 4-year-old black Labrador retriever mix, was rescued as an 8-week-old puppy from a 2009 residential fire and nursed back to health by firefighters in Jacksonville; and,

WHEREAS, Smokey is used as a training tool for the children of Jacksonville, primarily working with Kindergarten through 3rd graders; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of being selected as the winner of the Top Dog competition, Smokey will appear in a season two episode of "Chicago Fire," which is scheduled to be filmed between October 7 and May 31 in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, October 6-12 is National Fire Prevention Week; and,

WHEREAS, it is important during National Fire Prevention Week to recognize public safety professionals and dogs like Smokey who play a critical role in preventing and fighting fires across the Land of Lincoln; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2013, as SMOKEY THE DOG DAY in Illinois, in recognition of her selection to appear on "Chicago Fire," and in support of efforts to promote fire safety and prevention 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 NINTH *day of* OCTOBER , *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
 THIRTEEN , *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR