STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, nearly 450 pedestrians age eight to 14 are hurt in incidents involving a vehicle every year in Illinois; and,*

***WHEREAS**, many of these injuries could be avoided if children did not cross streets unsupervised; and,*

***WHEREAS**, about 12 percent of students walk or bike to school; and,*

***WHEREAS**, crossing guards play a key role in ensuring children arrive safely to school in communities throughout Illinois; and,*

***WHEREAS**, crossing guards provide assistance in every form of weather, be it rain, snow, or sun; and,*

***WHEREAS**, crossing guards help children develop safe pedestrian and bicycling habits, such as looking both ways before crossing roads, navigating intersections, and using crosswalks; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Transportation, though its Safe Routes to School program, deeply values the role that crossing guards play in promoting a healthy and environmentally-friendly option for traveling to school;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2018, as **CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY** in Illinois in recognition of the services these dedicated professionals provide to keep our citizens and their children safe.*

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 TWELFTH *day of* APRIL*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* EIGHTEEN*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundredth.*

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR