

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,800 civilian deaths and 75 percent of these fatalities in 2021 occurred in the home; and,

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 14,700 civilian injuries and 76 percent of these injuries in 2021 were also related to fires in the home; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated \$15.9 billion in property damage nationally occurred as a result of fire in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses as a result in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80 percent of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal has established a State of Illinois Community Risk Reduction Task Force that is focused on identifying the State of Illinois' Risk Assessment Needs and information can be found at their website www.illinoisrccr.com; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and,

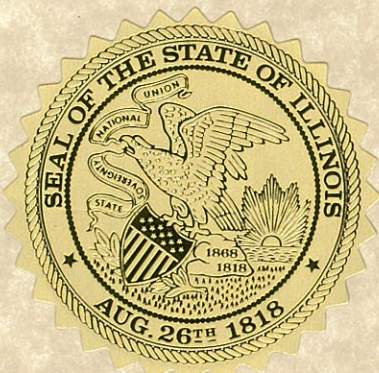
WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and,

WHEREAS, Monday, January 16, 2023, is Martin Luther King Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs;

*THEREFORE, I JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim that the week of January 16, 2023 – January 22, 2023, be designated as **Community Risk Reduction Week**, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.*

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 JANUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouh
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR