

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 21 seconds, a fire department in the United States responded to a fire somewhere in the nation in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 3,790 civilian deaths and 72 percent of these fatalities in 2022 occurred in the home; and,

WHEREAS, fires nationally were responsible for 13,250 civilian injuries, and 75 percent of these injuries in 2022 were also related to fires in the home; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 18 billion dollars in property damage occurred nationally that resulted from fires in 2022; and,

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

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction (CRR) 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 value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands of the paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois Community Risk Reduction Task Force continues to provide resources to our fire service partners to help create and build CRR programs across the state through the cooperation of all Illinois Fire Service Organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of CRR 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 15, 2024, 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 15-21, 2024, as CRR Week in Illinois, 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-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannoul
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR