



## The DoIT Digest

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### Illinois Commemorates Statehood on December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Illinois became the 21<sup>st</sup> state on December 3, 1818 following a successful petition to the United States Congress and adopting its own constitution. Marquette and Joliet first visited in 1673, yet the United States didn't acquire the land until 110 years later in 1783. Illinois has laid claim to many firsts ... including inventors, actors, authors and politicians. Did you also know that a surgeon in Chicago performed the first documented, successful open-heart surgery in 1893? Our state has

such a rich history in raw materials and markets and we are a central location for business and travel. Join in the [Bicentennial celebration](#) honoring our great state on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### Target Illinois Poachers (TIPS)

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Law Enforcement, recently collaborated with DoIT-DNR staff to develop "TIPS". Poaching is defined as the illegal taking or possession of game and non-game animals, fish or other resources. Examples of poaching include hunting out of season, hunting at night with spotlights or hunters and fishermen exceeding the legal limit. Citizens can now report violations online via the [TIPS Incident Reporting Form](#). Reports may still be filed via the toll-free telephone number, 1-877-2DNRLAW (1-877-236-7529). Reports are confidential and are forwarded to a Conservation Police Officer for investigation. Congratulations to the DNR and DoIT team who made this tool available to our citizens just in time for the 2018 Firearm Deer Season!



### Automated Pesticide Applicator Certification and Licensing

Individuals wishing to purchase and/or apply restricted use pesticides in Illinois are required to successfully complete a competency examination to receive a license from the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Environmental Programs. They offer five license types and 17 licensure categories. Each organization must have a designated "applicator" that is responsible for all pesticide purchasing, storage, handling and use. A person must pass the General Standards exam, the Category Exam and then return the application and fee within 90 days. The DoIT team at Agriculture recently updated a 20-year old mechanical scantron grading system that validates the competency examinations of applicants, which has made the process to obtain a license much more efficient. Link [here](#) for more information.

### DoIT FYIs and Reminders

If you missed the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Capitol on November 7<sup>th</sup>, link [here](#) for a lovely rendition of our National Anthem sung by Jessica Dooley. Jessica works in the Obligation Unit of DoIT's Chief Fiscal Office.



Please remember to take your Security Awareness Training and Safeguard Disclosure training by close of business Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A communication was sent to you by DoIT.AgencyRelations on November 14<sup>th</sup>.