



*WHEREAS, we hold the highest esteem and reverence for the men and women who answer the call to serve their friends, family, and communities; and,*

*WHEREAS, firefighters save countless lives every year with their heroic efforts; and,*

*WHEREAS, firefighters not only demonstrate the desire to serve but have the courage to act calmly and professionally when faced with dangerous situations; and,*

*WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, 35-year-old Lawrence "Larry" Matthews, a nine-year veteran of the Dolton Fire Department, lost his life while fighting a fire at a home in Harvey, Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, although Firefighter Larry Matthews is no longer with us, we will not forget the countless lives that were impacted by his service; and,*

*WHEREAS, funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at Holy Temple Cathedral in Harvey, Illinois, to honor the life of Firefighter Larry Matthews; and,*

*WHEREAS, we will always remember that throughout his nine-year career as a proud member of the Dolton Fire Department, Firefighter Larry Matthews was not only a public servant but a dedicated first responder who courageously volunteered to fight fires and help others;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to fly their flags at half-staff from sunrise on Thursday, June 15, 2017, until sunset on Saturday, June 17, 2017, in honor and remembrance of Dolton Firefighter Lawrence "Larry" Matthews, whose selfless service and sacrifice is an inspiration to the residents of the Land of Lincoln.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this* THIRTEENTH *day of* JUNE *, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
SEVENTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*one hundred and* NINETY-NINTH *.*

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR