

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Illinois adopted the Illinois Learning Standards in science in 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Learning Standards in science build on children's inherent curiosity and introduce science at an earlier age, when children have many questions about the world and how it works; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Learning Standards in science help students acquire a deep understanding of core science and engineering concepts through applying them to real-world situations; and,

WHEREAS, educators across Illinois have transformed science education in the classroom to give students the foundation they need to tackle complex issues in college and career; and,

WHEREAS, science education in Illinois emphasizes an engaged, hands-on learning experience, in which teachers facilitate student-led inquiry, discussion, research, and experiments; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education believes a high-quality science education equips students with the knowledge and skills – such as communication, collaboration, inquiry, and flexibility – that are necessary for all careers; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring all students have access to a high-quality science education is crucial to developing the innovative thinkers Illinois needs to lead the country and the world; and,

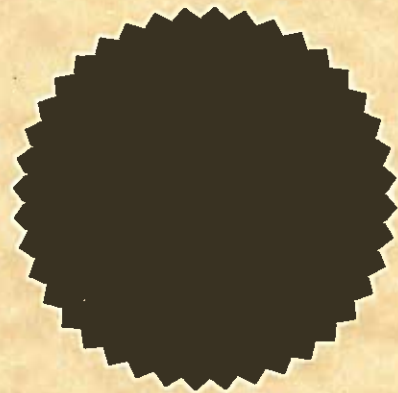
WHEREAS, Illinois, the country, and the world face known and unknown challenges in the fields of medicine, technology, climate, and energy that equitable access to science education will help this and future generations solve; and,

WHEREAS, April 22, 2019, marks the 50th anniversary of the first-ever national Earth Day;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 22-26, 2019, as **SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to celebrate science education with meaningful student activities and programs to demonstrate learning and understanding in science.

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 NINETEENTH *day of* APRIL, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
NINETEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIRST.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR