



# STATEMENTS OF ILLINOIS

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, during the spring, millions of birds fly over Illinois on their way to northern nesting grounds; and,

WHEREAS, more than 100 different species will fly overhead or land briefly to feed during their migration, allowing birdwatchers to view varieties seldom seen in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, these colorful visitors are not only attractive but an integral part of our thriving natural heritage; and,

WHEREAS, their brief sojourn in our state ensures the completion of vital natural cycles each year; and,

WHEREAS, birds and bird-related activities have a significant economic impact, and promoting abundant sustainable bird populations and healthy habitats affords significant benefits to human society; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, we celebrate the centennial of the signing of the foundational treaty that recognizes the significance of international commitment to protect and conserve migratory birds;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 24-30, 2016, as **BIRD APPRECIATION WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to take this opportunity to observe the portion of this magnificent natural phenomenon that takes place in Illinois.

**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 Capital in the City of Springfield,*

this THIRTIETH day of MARCH, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.



*Bruce Rauner*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR