

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, water is a vital natural resource essential to the health of Illinois' residents, ecosystems, and economic prosperity; and,*

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois benefits from its location within the Great Lakes region, which contains approximately one-fifth of the world's surface freshwater and serves as a critical asset for environmental stewardship, economic development, and regional resilience; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois is home to leading research institutions, utilities, businesses, and entrepreneurs working to develop and deploy innovative water technologies that address pressing challenges related to water quality, infrastructure, climate resilience, and resource recovery; and,*

*WHEREAS, Chicago Water Week brings together leaders from across government, industry, academia, and communities to highlight innovation, share knowledge, and strengthen collaboration in advancing sustainable water management and economic opportunity; and,*

*WHEREAS, by promoting awareness of the cultural, environmental, and economic importance of water, Chicago Water Week encourages residents, organizations, and policymakers to support responsible water stewardship for future generations; and,*

*WHEREAS, events such as Chicago Water Week help position Illinois as a global leader in water research, technology development, and the growing circular blue economy;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as Chicago Water Week in Illinois and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of water stewardship, innovation, and collaboration in protecting and sustaining our lakes, rivers, and waterways.*

*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 THIRTIETH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SEVENTH.*



*Alexi Giannouli*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR