

WHEREAS, Illinois students are joining thousands of kids from schools across the United States and 40 other countries throughout the world for International Walk to School Day; and,

WHEREAS, just 15 percent of students regularly walk or bike to school; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, Illinois schools hosted 187 Walk and Roll to School Day events throughout the state; and,

WHEREAS, walk and roll to school day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling; and,

WHEREAS, these events build connections between families, schools, and the broader community; and,

WHEREAS, walking or rolling to school gives students a leg up on creating a healthy lifestyle while fostering a sense of independence; and,

WHEREAS, fewer cars on the roads to school means less traffic congestion and pollution; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation recognizes the importance of promoting a healthy and environmentally friendly option for traveling to school;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2022, as **Illinois Walk and Roll to School Day** and encourage all to join in its observance.

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 TWENTY-SEVENTH day of <u>SEPTEMBER</u>, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and <u>TWENTY-TWO</u>, and of the State of Hlinois, two hundred and <u>FOURTH</u>.

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SECRETARY OF STATE