

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, one in eight couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and,

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community also faces challenges when building their families; and,

WHEREAS, all people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and,

WHEREAS, family building options include adoption and medical treatment such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and,

WHEREAS, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many Illinoisans to access the family building option they need; and,

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2021 as **National Infertility Awareness Week** 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 Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-THIRD day of MARCH, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and THIRD.*



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR