



WHEREAS, safe, reliable, and affordable energy is essential to our families, communities, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, energy supplies the simple things in life – heating, cooling, cooking, lighting; and,

WHEREAS, energy supports modern society's complex systems – providing health care, air traffic control, and running a manufacturing plant – and also makes possible the fun things in life – lights at a baseball field, air conditioning at the theater, and rides at the state fair; and,

WHEREAS, the large demand from the industrial sector makes Illinois among the nation's leading consumers of energy, and the state's ability to maintain and expand these systems depends on the availability of a highly skilled, educated workforce; and,

WHEREAS, to promote workforce continuity and meet the challenges of our ever-changing economy, new workers are needed; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women and minorities are significantly underrepresented in the engineering workforce and should be encouraged to pursue careers in energy; and,

WHEREAS, through strategic partnerships, members of the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium strive to promote a unified and results-oriented strategy to ensure Illinoisans find new and rewarding careers in energy so that Illinois can continue to grow and prosper;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 16-20, 2017, as **CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK** in Illinois as the Illinois Energy Workforce Consortium and its partners will hold events throughout the state to highlight the need for a strong and growing energy workforce and encourage Illinoisans of all ages to consider a career in the energy industry.

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,

TWELFTH

SEPTEMBER

this _____ day of _____, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN

_____, and of the State of Illinois,

NINETY-NINTH

one hundred and _____.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR