

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) is committed to improving the health and wellness of Illinois citizens; and,

WHEREAS, a primary concern today is the inactive lifestyle of today's youth, which is associated with critical health issues including obesity, type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease; and,

WHEREAS, participation in youth sports is declining, with an estimated 70% of participants dropping out before high school; and,

WHEREAS, to help address these issues the IAPD is taking an active role in supporting an Illinois Youth Sport Summit, organized by the Office of Recreation & Park Resources at the University of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the summit will take place September 23-25 in Chicago and will bring together individuals from a wide array of agencies and organizations within the state; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2014 as ILLINOIS YOUTH SPORTS DAY in Illinois, in order to raise awareness about the critical need for making programmatic changes in youth sports that would increase youth participation in sporting activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this _____ TENTH *day of* _____ MARCH _____, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ FOURTEEN _____, *and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and _____ NINETY-SIXTH _____.

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR