

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire; and,

WHEREAS, fires were responsible for 3,670 civilian deaths nationwide in 2023; with 79 percent of these fatalities occurring in the home; and,

WHEREAS, fires were responsible for 13,350 civilian injuries nationwide, with 77 percent of these injuries related to fires in the home; and,

WHEREAS, fires resulted in an estimated \$23.2 billion in property damage nationwide in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remained a concern nationwide in 2023, with multibillion-dollar losses as a result; and,

WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80 percent of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is a data-informed process used to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and,

WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois Community Risk Reduction Task Force continues to provide resources to fire departments across the state to help establish or strengthen CRR efforts through the cooperation of all 14 Illinois Fire Service Organizations, hereby helping make their communities safer; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of CRR is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's: Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and,

WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated CRR program; and,

WHEREAS, Monday, January 20, 2025, is Martin Luther King Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs; and,

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 20-26, 2025, as CRR Week, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.

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 _____ *NINTH* _____ *day of* _____ *JANUARY* _____, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ *TWENTY-FIVE* _____, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and _____ *SIXTH* _____.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR