

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois River is a critical component of our state's geography, history, economy, and ecology; and,

WHEREAS, many attributes are threatened as a result of the cumulative effects of human activities that have significantly altered the Illinois River System; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is embracing an integrated approach to large river management and is working in a coordinated and continuous manner for the Illinois River; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of the Illinois River Coordinating Council, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Partners for Conservation, Open Lands Trust Fund, Mud to Parks Capital Program, Illinois Wildlife Action Plan, Farm Bill Conservation Title, Designation of two Illinois River sites as Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance, National Streamflow Information Program, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway, and Illinois Recreational Access Program are important milestones in efforts to protect the resources of the Illinois River; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2013 Conference on the Management of the Illinois River System is focused on "The Illinois River: Working Locally – Reaching Globally"; and,

WHEREAS, the conference will be taking place October 1-3, 2013, at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Peoria, Illinois; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as ILLINOIS RIVER MANAGEMENT MONTH, and encourage all citizens to recognize the economic, recreation, social, and environmental benefits of conserving and managing to properly utilize and sustain the resources of the Illinois River System.

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 TWENTY-FOUR day of JUNE, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH*

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR