

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
 Proclamation

WHEREAS, the safety and well being of children is a priority of this state; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-one-half minutes; and

WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety was created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform the nation about playground injuries, and possible ways to reduce them; and

WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE – providing proper Supervision, Age appropriate equipment, materials to soften Falls to the surface, and Equipment maintenance; and

WHEREAS, spring is often a time that children head to the playground, as a result, a large percentage of playground injuries occur in the months of April through June; and

WHEREAS, child care centers, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for summer season and playground participants. It is essential that we take the time to inspect, repair, and sustain the many playgrounds that provide our children with much needed exercise and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is committed to ensuring that no children play on unsafe playgrounds;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 26 – 30, 2010 as **PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to help to keep our children safe on community playgrounds.

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



Case White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this SECOND *day of* MARCH, *in*

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

TEN, *and of the State of Illinois*

the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR