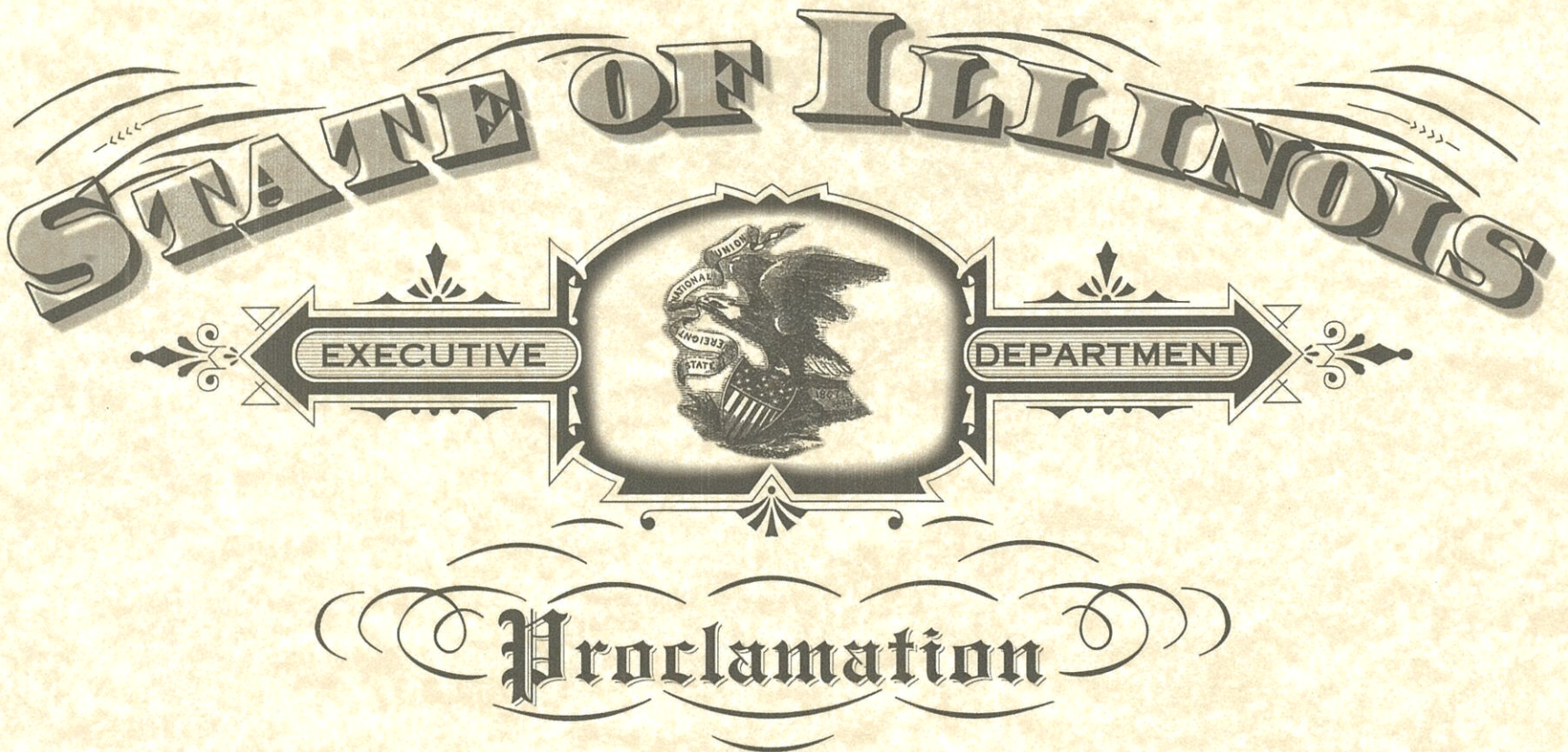




WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the third-leading cause of death among all cancer types in both the United States and in Illinois and the second-leading cause of cancer death in men, with one in eight men being diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime; and,

WEREAS, the Illinois rate of new prostate cancer cases is 133.4 per 100,000 people and is significantly higher than the national rate of 121.8 per 100,000 people as of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 13,050 people will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 1,280 lives lost from prostate cancer in 2026 in Illinois, according to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts and Figures; and,

WHEREAS, prostate cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately higher among racial and ethnic minorities, with Black non-Hispanic males in Illinois experiencing the highest rate of new prostate cancer at 193.0 new cases per 100,000 people in 2023 and 37.9 deaths per 100,000 people in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, prostate cancer can be prevented with timely screening and if caught early, has a 99 percent 5-year survival rate, but fewer men are now getting screened for prostate cancer; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical that all people of all ages know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, observing Prostate Cancer Awareness Month during the month of September will emphasize the importance of screening and early detection;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as **Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in Illinois in support of raising public awareness of this disease.*

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



Alexi Giannouli
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this ELEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR