

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

WHEREAS, preparing for a secure future is not a life stage or income-specific endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, each day about 10,000 Baby Boomers who are members of a generation largely unsure of their financial future are about to enter their retirement years; and,

WHEREAS, providing for financial wellness in our later years is now an individual responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, providing for and financing one's retirement is now increasingly difficult, with more Americans shouldering the burdens themselves; and,

WHEREAS, a unique set of challenges has emerged, including changes in employee benefits, longer life spans, uncertainty with Social Security and Medicare, as well as rising cost of health care; and,

WHEREAS, the latest research findings from the Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) has shown that Baby Boomer's confidence in their financial preparations for retirement are steadily dropping, with barely a quarter optimistic about their situation in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, there is a growing need to educate Americans on retirement planning; and,

WHEREAS, carving some time out on a routine basis to review your finances and assess you financial preparedness for retirement is an achievable first step; and,

WHEREAS, being proactive about planning and seeking professional guidance when warranted can help Americans achieve financial freedom; and,

WHEREAS, crafting a holistic financial plan for retirement can restore confidence and build savings for those post-working years; and,

WHEREAS, experts from the National Retirement Planning Coalition, the group that organizes National Retirement Planning Week are urging Americans to use this time to develop, review and /or revise their retirement plans with the tools and help available at [www.RetireonYourTerms.org](http://www.RetireonYourTerms.org); and,

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 11-15, 2016, as NATIONAL RETIREMENT PLANNING WEEK in Illinois, in recognition of this national effort to help consumers focus on their financial needs in retirement.

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 FOURTH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
SIXTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR