

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, gymnastics provides a great foundation for building strength, flexibility, and fitness and also for life skills, enhancing self-esteem and goal-setting abilities; and

WHEREAS, USA Gymnastics, whose mission it is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in sports, and its member clubs across the country annually celebrate National Gymnastics Day to showcase the sport of gymnastics and to encourage and promote physical fitness and healthy lifestyles among our nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, National Gymnastics Day seeks to promote the value of physical fitness and good nutrition for everyone, regardless of age, gender, and ability level; and

WHEREAS, in support of National Gymnastics Day, gymnastics clubs across the United States partner with USA Gymnastics to heighten the visibility of the sport and encourage participation at the grassroots level; and

WHEREAS, National Gymnastics Day also aims to serve the greater community good by raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network to provide comfort and assistance to children who are unable to provide for themselves;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2009 as **NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY** in Illinois, to encourage citizens of the state to support the worthy efforts of USA Gymnastics.

*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 TWENTY-SEVENTH day of AUGUST, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
NINE, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST



*Gene White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR