

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

*WHEREAS, women have guided our country and state toward prosperity and progress, and our continued success depends on their well-being; and,*

*WHEREAS, women often play a leading role in making medical decisions that improve the health of their families while their own health care needs are often unmet; and,*

*WHEREAS, women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that require further research and should be addressed; and,*

*WHEREAS, promoting awareness of women's health issues and developing effective partnerships between women and their healthcare providers are necessary factors in keeping women healthy and safe; and,*

*WHEREAS, researchers and clinicians are now learning that there are significant differences between women and men in the incidence, prevalence, symptoms, and severity of diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, the Women's Health Research Institute at Northwestern University has created the Illinois Women's Health Registry to gather data on women across the state so that researchers better understand the health needs of Illinois women; and to provide women a vehicle to participate in ongoing women's health research studies occurring in Illinois academic institutions and hospitals; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois seeks to be a leader in progressive health legislation that addresses important policy issues that impact women's health; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health, through its Office on Women's Health, has taken a leadership role in promoting clinical programs for women's health; and,*

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2013 to be **WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY IN ILLINOIS**, and call upon all the citizens of Illinois to promote and improve the health of our women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues and encourage all women across the state to enroll in the Illinois Women's Health Registry.*

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR