

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the gift of sight is one of our most valued senses; and,

WHEREAS, statistically African Americans are particularly susceptible to loss of vision due to a higher risk of eye disease; and,

WHEREAS, with early detection and treatment, it is possible to preserve sight for this high risk group; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Ophthalmology are joining together with the New Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church on the west side of Chicago to conduct a free eye screening event; and,

WHEREAS, ophthalmologists, ophthalmology residents in training, ophthalmic technicians, and lay people are volunteering to help conduct screening exams with a goal to discover undetected vision problems and eye disease among high-risk citizens; and,

WHEREAS, through the screening event, area residents will learn about their visual status and will receive information about resources for further evaluation, if necessary:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2011 as **EYE HEALTH AWARENESS DAY** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to gain greater awareness of the importance of medical eye care for everyone.

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



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-FOUR day of MAY, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
ELEVEN, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR