



Proclamation

Presented this 27th day of June 2018

WHEREAS, the poison control center launched in 1953 at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago was the first of its kind; today, the United States is served by 55 poison centers modeled after the Illinois Poison Center (IPC); and,

WHEREAS, poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, the IPC is a non-profit health service that provides comprehensive and trusted information and treatment advice on potentially harmful substances, via a toll-free, confidential 24-hour helpline staffed by specially trained medical experts, including doctors, nurses, and pharmacists; and,

WHEREAS, the IPC manages approximately 80,000 cases per year from across the state, more than 40 percent involving children five years of age and younger; and,

WHEREAS, emergency and admitting physicians and hospital staff rely on IPC recommendations when treating poisoning cases; more than one third of the IPC's exposure cases come from healthcare facilities around the state; and,

WHEREAS, the IPC provides intensive training in the field of toxicology for Illinois' student healthcare professionals, as well as conducts extensive public outreach every year to educate the public on its services and how to prevent exposure to potentially harmful substances; and,

WHEREAS, the more than 200 hospitals and health systems that are Illinois Health and Hospital Association members wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the IPC staff for their unwavering commitment and contributions at work and in their communities;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby congratulate the ILLINOIS POISON CENTER on the celebration of its 65th anniversary and urge all citizens to recognize the achievements of the IPC's dedicated workers, both past and present.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

