



Proclamation

WHEREAS, gymnastics provides a great foundation for building strength, flexibility, and fitness and also for life skills like enhancing self-esteem and developing 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 17, 2011 as **NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY** in Illinois, and 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 NINTH *day of* SEPTEMBER , *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
 ELEVEN , *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

Issac White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR