STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas that can cause serious illness or death, and exposure can occur anywhere fuel-burning equipment is used, including homes, workplaces, schools, vehicles, and other places where people live, learn, work, travel, and receive care; and,*

WHEREAS, *carbon monoxide poisoning results in more than 100,000 emergency room visits and claims more than 1,200 lives each year in the United States, underscoring the importance of awareness, prevention, and preparedness; and,*

WHEREAS, *the risks associated with carbon monoxide exposure and the safety needs of individuals can change throughout their lives, from pregnancy and infancy through childhood, adulthood, and older adulthood; and,*

WHEREAS, *the 2026 Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month theme, "A Lifetime of Protection: Every Age. Every Stage. Protected from CO.", emphasizes the importance of protecting individuals and families from carbon monoxide exposure at every age and stage of life; and,*

WHEREAS, *carbon monoxide poisoning can be prevented through proper installation, testing, and timely replacement of carbon monoxide alarms, regular inspection and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances, and the safe use of generators, vehicles, and other fuel-burning equipment; and,*

WHEREAS, *public education and awareness are essential to helping Illinois residents recognize carbon monoxide hazards, understand the warning signs of exposure, and take appropriate action to protect themselves, their families, and their communities; and,*

WHEREAS, *Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month provides an opportunity to strengthen public awareness, encourage life-saving safety practices, and remind all Illinois residents that carbon monoxide protection is a year-round responsibility;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as* ***Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month*** *in Illinois and encourage all residents to learn about carbon monoxide hazards, test their carbon monoxide alarms, maintain fuel-burning equipment, and take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from carbon monoxide poisoning.*

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* OCTOBER*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* TWENTY-SIX*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* SEVENTH*.*

Alexi Giannoulias
SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR