

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to strive, grow, and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and,*

*WHEREAS, schools can more effectively ensure all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered support; and,*

*WHEREAS, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and,*

*WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention and early intervention, and safety, as well as supporting culturally diverse student populations; and,*

*WHEREAS, school psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practices and standards that are included in the National Association for School Psychologists Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services; and,*

*WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and,*

*WHEREAS, school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and,*

*WHEREAS, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning, utilize data-based decision making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability; and,*

*WHEREAS, it is important that the citizens of the State of Illinois recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 12-16, 2018, as **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK** in Illinois.*

*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 TWENTY-FIFTH day of OCTOBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.*



*Dease White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*  
GOVERNOR