STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of Illinois; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated mental health services for children, youth, young adults, and families in our communities is a critical responsibility; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health, through its unique approach to serving children, youth and young adults with mental health or substance use disorders, is effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, young adults, and their families in our communities; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the 2018 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day theme is "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma"; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health is committed to following this theme by providing trauma-informed care and services to better serve and foster recovery for our children, youth, and young adults;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2018, as **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY** 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 SECOND *day of* MAY*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* EIGHTEEN*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundredth.*

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR