

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Canavan Research Illinois is an Illinois nonprofit corporation established in April 2000 to meet a critical need to support medical research to treat, cure, and improve the quality of lives of all children battling Canavan disease, a rare and fatal genetic neurological disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of those afflicted with Canavan disease do not reach their 25th birthday. These innocent children face the loss of all motor functions, blindness, paralysis, feeding tubes, and eventual disintegration of the brain, at which point they fall into a vegetative state from which they cannot recover; and,

WHEREAS, Canavan Research Illinois is an all-volunteer charity dedicated to raise funds to support cutting-edge research, increase public awareness, and provide a network for Canavan families; and,

WHEREAS, October 8, 2016, Canavan Research Illinois will hold the 18th Annual Canavan Charity Ball, in honor and celebration of Max Randell's 19th birthday, a momentous milestone for this young man living with Canavan disease;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as **CANAVAN DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, to raise awareness of Canavan disease and in support of Canavan Research Illinois' important efforts to improve the quality of life of those who are battling this disease.*

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-FOURTH *day of* AUGUST *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
SIXTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-EIGHTH *.*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR