

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, an estimated 54 million Americans have osteoporosis or low bone mass, and studies suggest that approximately one in two women and up to one in four men aged 50 and older will experience a bone fracture due to osteoporosis; and,

WHEREAS, about 1.8 million Medicare beneficiaries suffer approximately 2.1 million osteoporotic fractures each year, leading to more hospitalizations than heart attacks, strokes, or breast cancer; and,

WHEREAS, the total annual cost for osteoporotic fractures among Medicare beneficiaries is expected to grow to over \$95 billion in 2040 without reforms, as the population ages; and,

WHEREAS, osteoporosis and the fractures it causes are not a normal part of aging - building strong bones starts in childhood and is essential for preventing osteoporosis; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical to raise awareness about bone health and osteoporosis among the public, healthcare professionals, and policymakers;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month** in Illinois and encourage everyone to participate in programs and activities that promote good bone health and the prevention and management of osteoporosis.*

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



Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR