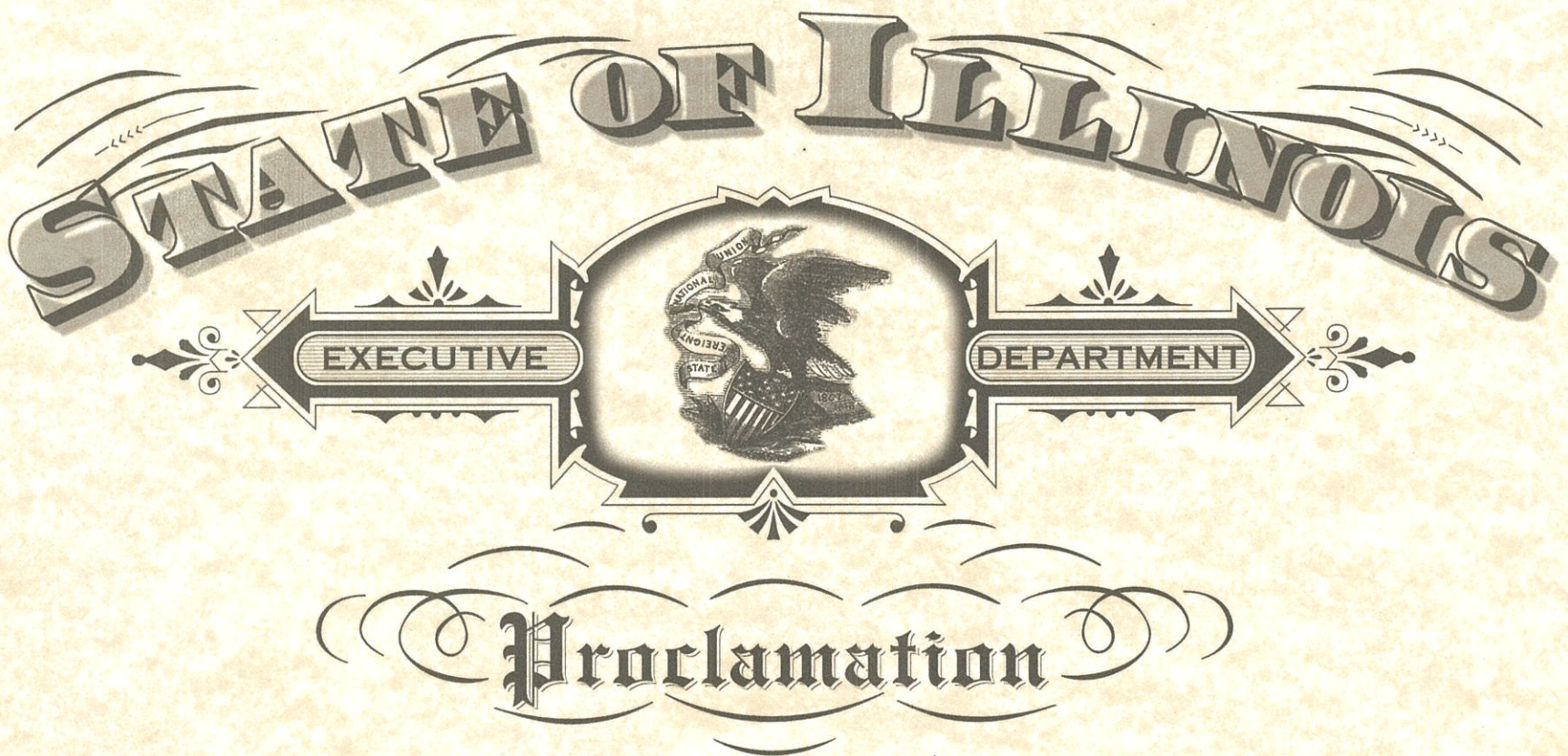




***WHEREAS,** Usher Syndrome is a relatively rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation in any one of at least ten genes, presently incurable and resulting in a combination of hearing loss, visual impairment, and balance issues, and is a leading cause of combined deafness and blindness; and,*

***WHEREAS,** more than 400,000 people are affected by this genetic disorder worldwide, with at least 25,000 of those in the United States; and,*

***WHEREAS,** there are three clinical types of Usher syndrome, Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3, which are distinguished by the severity and age when signs and symptoms appear; and,*

***WHEREAS,** there are also at least eleven different genetic types of Usher syndrome that are determined by the genes that are involved, with DNA testing serving as the only reliable way of determining the true genetic type; and,*

***WHEREAS,** because of limited public awareness, those affected with Usher syndrome may suffer from depression, anxiety, isolation, and loss of independence, so the Usher syndrome community is uniting around the world to spread public awareness and to be recognized annually on the 3rd Saturday of September;*

***THEREFORE,** I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby designate September 19, 2026, as **Usher Syndrome 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH day of AUGUST, 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