


STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS *as of January 1, 2003 there were approximately 230,148 men and women living in the United States who had a history of renal cell carcinoma (RCC), also known as kidney cancer; and*

WHEREAS *the exact cause of kidney cancer is still unknown, but the incidence rate is increasing by approximately 3 percent every year; and*

WHEREAS *kidney cancer is among the ten most common cancers in both men and women; and*

WHEREAS *kidney cancer occurs nearly twice as often in men as in women, and it mostly occurs in men over 40 years old; and*

WHEREAS *the American Cancer Society estimated that in 2008 that 54,390 men and women would be diagnosed with kidney cancer, and 13,010 people would die from the disease; and*

WHEREAS *there are currently no early detection tests that can detect the presence of kidney cancer; and*

WHEREAS *signs and symptoms of kidney cancer may include: blood in the urine; lower back pain on one side (not from an injury); a mass or lump in the belly; tiredness; weight loss (if you are not trying to lose weight); fever that does not go away after a few weeks and that is not from a cold, the flu, or other infection; and swelling of ankles and legs. A doctor should be consulted if any of these problems are occurring; and*

WHEREAS *other than surgery, the most commonly used treatments for kidney cancer are immunotherapy, radiation, and chemotherapy; and*

WHEREAS *breakthroughs in research over the last year have given renewed hope to patients who previously had few treatment options;*

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as **KIDNEY CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois in support of this important public information campaign.

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-THIRD day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
NINE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST

Steve White
 SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
 GOVERNOR