STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, earthquake preparedness is important because Illinois is adjacent to two major earthquake zones, the New Madrid and Wabash Valley; in 1811 and 1812, some of the largest earthquakes ever to occur in the continental United States took place in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, creating widespread destruction in the Central U.S.; and,*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to the earthquake risks in the state, Illinois residents often travel to regions of the country and the world where earthquakes may occur; and,*

***WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2016, at 10:20 a.m., millions of people from throughout the United States and across the world will participate in The Great ShakeOut earthquake drill, during which they will practice the "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" actions that could prevent injury or death during an earthquake; and,*

***WHEREAS**, participants in the drill will take a few moments to drop down to the ground, take cover under a desk or other heavy furniture, and hold on to that piece of furniture, just as they should do when the earth starts shaking in an actual earthquake; and,*

***WHEREAS**, people can register for The Great U.S. ShakeOut at www.shakeout.org, where they can also learn more about earthquake hazards and steps they can take to make their homes more earthquake resistant; and,*

***WHEREAS**, all Illinois residents, schools, businesses, college campuses, government agencies, organizations, and other groups are encouraged to practice the drop, cover and hold on actions during the ShakeOut drill at 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2016;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as **GREAT SHAKEOUT DAY** in Illinois, and encourage every Illinois resident to participate in this important earthquake drill.*

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

SEAL OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AUG. 26TH 1818

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR