

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Usher Syndrome is a relatively rare genetic disorder categorized by the three types of Usher syndrome and caused by a mutation in any one of at least 11 genes; and,

WHEREAS, Usher syndrome impacts three primary senses in the body such as vision, hearing, and balance - the primary symptoms of Usher syndrome are deafness or hearing loss and an eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa (RP); and,

WHEREAS, people with Usher syndrome can suffer from severe balance issues due to vestibular dysfunction as the balance is accomplished and maintained through input from your eyes, the vestibular organs in the inner ear, and the sensory systems of the body, such as the skin, muscles, and joints; and,

WHEREAS, over 400,000 people are impacted by this genetic disorder worldwide, with as many as 25,000 of those people in the United States alone; and,

WHEREAS, due to limited public awareness, those affected with Usher syndrome may suffer from depression, anxiety, isolation, loss of independence; and,

WHEREAS, the Usher syndrome community is uniting around the world to spread public awareness but specifically to be recognized annually on the third Saturday of September;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2022, 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 FIRST *day of* AUGUST, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FOURTH.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR