



**WHEREAS**, paralegals provide essential and vital legal support for many organizations, including law firms, corporate legal departments, and government offices; and,

**WHEREAS**, to meet the increasing demands for legal services in the United States, the skilled work of paralegals will grow in importance and significance for the operation of American organizations and the application of American law; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the paralegal profession will experience greater than average growth through the year 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, created in 1972, the Illinois Paralegal Association represents more than 1,100 paralegals in our state. The association is one of the oldest and largest statewide organizations that supports paralegals and is celebrating its 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Illinois Paralegal Association is to promote the paralegal profession and communication among paralegals, the legal community, and civic and professional organizations, as well as encourage the continuing education of paralegals;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2016, as **PARALEGAL DAY** in the State of Illinois, as the Illinois Paralegal Association meets for an annual conference, and to commend paralegals in our state for their contributions to our communities.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*

*this* FOURTH *day of* APRIL *, in*

*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*

SIXTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*

*one hundred and* NINETY-EIGHTH *.*

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR