



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Proclamation

Presented this 28th day of May 2018

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2018, Romanians across the United States will celebrate 100 years since the Great Union of Romanians, which led to the consolidation of a modern state inspired by the principles of freedom, democracy, economic liberty, and social progress; and,

WHEREAS, the United States and Romania share a deep and longstanding friendship built upon democratic values, historical ties, and a joint commitment to advancing the strength of transatlantic security and the promise of mutual prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, the talent, energy, and creativity of successive generations of Romanian-Americans, their rich cultural heritage, and their contributions to American progress are all essential features of American society; and,

WHEREAS, ties between the State of Illinois and Romania continue to strengthen with an expansion in bilateral trade, educational programs, and the advent of an open community of American and Romanian youth who engage freely in innovation and entrepreneurship;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby congratulate Romania, the Romanian people, and all Romanian-Americans in the State of Illinois on the **100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROMANIA'S GREAT UNION** and commend Romania for its achievements as a vibrant nation and for being a close and trusted friend of the United States.*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois