

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, IgA Nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger's disease, is a rare kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of immunoglobulin A (IgA), a protein that helps breakdown the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys; and,*

*WHEREAS, IgAN is one of the most common and undetected kidney diseases and is estimated to affect approximately 150,000 in the U.S.; and,*

*WHEREAS, there is no current cure for IgAN and treatments can only focus on slowing the progress of the disease and preventing complications; and,*

*WHEREAS, approximately 20-40 percent of individuals who have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and need dialysis or kidney transplantation to survive; and,*

*WHEREAS, today there is hope on the horizon for IgAN patients with over 30 clinical trials underway and newly approved treatments for rare kidney diseases including IgAN; and,*

*WHEREAS, this day is designated to raise awareness of IgA Nephropathy, provide support to patients, and promote the research needed to lead to better diagnosis and an eventual cure;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2023, as IgA Nephropathy 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* MAY, *in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY-THREE, *and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* FIFTH.

*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR