

WHEREAS, school principals play an important role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle, and secondary schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and working with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and,

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have the opportunity to receive a quality education and foundation for a successful future; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents more than 5,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,

WHEREAS, for that reason, the Illinois Principals Association is dedicated to developing, supporting, and advocating for innovative school leaders; and,

WHEREAS, educational leaders face many challenges in educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois is able to continue to produce quality, career ready students; and,

WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize those who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the Land of Lincoln;

**THEREFORE**, I. Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 15-21, 2017, as **PRINCIPALS WEEK** and Friday, October 20, 2017, as **PRINCIPALS DAY** in Illinois to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all they do to help our children learn and succeed.

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

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