

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, World Sight Day is an annual day dedicated to raising awareness about vision impairment, blindness, and the importance of screening; and,*

*WHEREAS, on this day, organizations, communities, and individuals are encouraged to advocate for better eye health initiatives and policies; and,*

*WHEREAS, at least 2.2 billion people have vision impairments, with 1 billion cases preventable or untreated; and,*

*WHEREAS, an estimated 450 million children globally need treatment for sight conditions but lack access to affordable eye care; and,*

*WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) coordinate World Sight Day, focusing on children's eye health in 2025; and,*

*WHEREAS, conducts vision screening to ensure early identification and treatment of vision disorders and vision impairment; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Love Your Eyes global campaign aims to ensure affordable, accessible eye care for everyone by 2030, improving global eye health, preventing avoidable blindness, and creating sustainable eye care solutions for children;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2025, as World Sight 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* TWENTY-NINTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY-FIVE, *and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* SIXTH.



*Alysi Shamouh*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR