



WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has fostered, promoted, and developed the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of this country; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has continually sought to make the American workplace safer, healthier, and fairer for everyone; and,

WHEREAS, working families from Illinois and across the world have benefitted from the United States Department of Labor's efforts to assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to be paid fairly for every hour labored; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has evolved to meet the changing needs of the workforce by partnering with employers, community organizations and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities and advance efforts for profitable employment; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of the United States Department of Labor has reached outside the confines of the workplace, touching people's lives at all stages, by allowing parents to take leave and tend to loved ones; training veterans and young people for the careers of a lifetime; and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor will remain of paramount importance to the well-being of all Americans through meeting the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight and passion it has demonstrated for the past century; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois will continue working collaboratively in the future with the United States Department of Labor; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2013 as DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DAY in Illinois in celebration of their Centennial Anniversary.

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 THIRTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR