

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 'Sandwich Generation' is defined as those caring for their children as well as their own aging parents; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center, just over 1 of every 8 Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for a parent, in addition to between 7 to 10 million adults caring for their aging parents from a long distance; and

WHEREAS, these numbers are likely to increase in the future, as U.S. Census Bureau statistics indicate that the number of Americans aged 65 or older will double by the year 2030 to over 70 million; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has an active, productive Sandwich Generation population; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the United States will be both commemorating and celebrating the month of July as a tribute to the dedication, patience and caring of adults who are part of the Sandwich Generation; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, I salute all members of the Sandwich Generation, those they care for, and those who support them:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 2009 as **SANDWICH GENERATION MONTH** in Illinois, and urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of families.

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 _____ Tenth _____ day of _____ APRIL _____, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
_____ NINE _____, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and _____ NINETY-FIRST _____

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR