



Proclamation

WHEREAS, we hold the highest esteem and reverence for the men and women who answer the call to serve their friends, family and communities; and,

WHEREAS, first responders save countless lives every year with their heroic efforts; and,

WHEREAS, firefighters not only demonstrate the desire to serve, but have the courage to act calmly and professionally in otherwise terrifying situations; and,

WHEREAS, on the evening of March 5, 2013 one of these brave souls, Christopher Brown of the Hudson Fire Protection District, was suddenly taken from us; and,

WHEREAS, we will always remember that throughout his accomplished career as a firefighter Christopher Brown courageously volunteered to walk into fires as everyone else ran out; and,

WHEREAS, although Christopher Brown is no longer with us we will not forget the countless lives that were impacted by his public service; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was not simply a public servant, but a dedicated first responder who was known by many for his deep commitment to helping people and saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, we remember Christopher Brown's dedication to his community and the State of Illinois through his work as a member of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois Honor Guard; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was 39, and leaves behind a wife, Amie and two children: Maxwell, 12 and Mason, 8. Not only did he serve the citizens of his community and of this great state, but was a hero in his role as a husband and a father; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 11, 2013, a funeral will be held for Christopher Brown; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to fly their flags at half-staff from sunrise on March 9, 2013 until sunset on March 11, 2013 in honor and remembrance of Christopher Brown whose selfless service and sacrifice is an inspiration.

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 EIGHTH *day of* MARCH *, 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