

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Illinois River System is a critical component of our state's geography, history, economy and ecology; and
- WHEREAS, many attributes are threatened as a result of the cumulative effects of human activities that have significantly altered the Illinois River system; and
- WHEREAS, our state is embracing an integrated approach to large river management and is working in a coordinated and continuous manner for this river; and
- WHEREAS, the implementation of the Illinois River Coordinating Council, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Illinois Conservation 2000 Program, Illinois Rivers 2020, and the Open Lands Trust Fund are important milestones in efforts to protect the resources of the Illinois River; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for the 2005 Conference on the Management of the Illinois River System is "The Illinois River: Progress and Promise"; and
- WHEREAS, the conference will be taking place October 4 - 6 at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Peoria, Illinois:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2005 as **ILLINOIS RIVER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the economic, recreational, social and environmental benefits of conserving to properly utilize the resources of the Illinois River basin.

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 NINETEENTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
FIVE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and EIGHTY-SEVENTH*



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Rod R. Blagojevich
GOVERNOR