



*WHEREAS, the Illinois River fosters environmental, economic, recreational, and educational opportunities for local communities; and,*

*WHEREAS, working partnerships with local communities and organizations will enhance awareness and capabilities of local stakeholders to address watershed and water resource concerns; and,*

*WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is encouraging strategies that protect, restore, and expand critical habitats and soil conservation and water quality practices; and,*

*WHEREAS, the theme of the 2015 Conference on the Management of the Illinois River System is focused on "A Watershed Partnership;" and,*

*WHEREAS, the conference will be taking place October 27 – 29, 2015 at the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as **ILLINOIS RIVER MANAGEMENT MONTH**, and encourage all citizens to recognize the economic, recreation, social, and environmental benefits of conserving and managing to properly utilize and sustain the resources of the Illinois River System.*

*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-ONE day of JULY, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*FIFTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH.*

*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR