

# STATE OF ILLINOIS



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, one of the basic rights of children, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Eleanor Roosevelt in 1948, is their right to essential nutrition; and,*

*WHEREAS, since the inception of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in 1968, it has granted our children the best possible foundation in life and benefited many adults, which is vital to our state's long-term health; and,*

*WHEREAS, the two fundamental goals of the CACFP are that children serviced by this program will be well-nourished during their crucial years while concurrently learning healthy eating behaviors that will last their lifetime - emotional, mental, and physical health originates with nutritious eating; and,*

*WHEREAS, recognizing the child and adult care providers, nutrition educators, program specialists and staff, state and federal professionals, and parents who contribute to the success of this outstanding program; and,*

*WHEREAS, the CACFP will continue its commitment to the benefits of nutritious eating for children and adults - together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16-22, 2025 as **Child and Adult Care Food Program Week** and urge our residents and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child's nutritional needs to unite on that week in observance of the necessity of child and adult care food programs to provide quality child care and nutrition security to children and older adults in our community.*

*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 ELEVENTH day of MARCH, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-FIVE, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SIXTH.*



*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR