

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, two endangered piping plovers, "Monty" and "Rose," became the first piping plovers to nest in Chicago in 64 years this past summer; and,

WHEREAS, there are only 70 pairs of endangered Great Lakes piping plovers remaining; and,

WHEREAS, Monty and Rose reared two chicks in one of the busiest parts of one of the busiest beaches in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 200 people volunteered their time throughout the summer of 2019 to protect these birds, educating hundreds if not thousands of beach goers; and,

WHEREAS, Monty and Rose nested in Waukegan in 2018 and a film has been made about them which will debut on November 18; and,

WHEREAS, plovers are particularly susceptible to the effects of climate change and habitat loss;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2019, as Piping Plover Day in the state of Illinois.

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-EIGHTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
NINETEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIRST.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR