WHEREAS, school principals play an important role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle, and secondary schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and working with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Illinois to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have the opportunity to receive a quality education and foundation for a successful future; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents 4,400 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,

WHEREAS, for that reason, the Illinois Principals Association is dedicated to advancing student learning through effective and innovative educational leadership development; and,

WHEREAS, educational leaders face many challenges in educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois is able to continue to produce quality, career ready students; and,

WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize those who have a positive impact on Illinois students’ and the educational system in the Land of Lincoln; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-26, 2013 as PRINCIPALS WEEK and October 25, 2013 as PRINCIPALS DAY in Illinois, to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all that they do to help our children learn and succeed.

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 __________ day of __________, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and __________, and of the State of Illinois the one hundred and __________ NINETY-FIFTH