WHEREAS, school principals play an integral 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 building relationships with teachers and parents to ensure that each child receives equitable educational opportunities and services to reach their potential; and,

WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of the state of Illinois is to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have access to quality education and foundation for a successful future; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents over 6,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,

WHEREAS, school leaders face many obstacles in supporting and educating our young people, and through their perseverance, devotion, and passionate leadership that Illinois continues to produce quality, career-ready students; and,

WHEREAS, school principals have continued to face unprecedented challenges since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have worked tirelessly to provide mental health, social-emotional support, and uninterrupted learning to the members of their schools since 2020; and,

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

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 16 - 22, 2022, as Principals Week and Friday, October 21, 2022, as Principals Day in 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 SIXTEENTH day of AUGUST, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and FOURTH

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE