



WHEREAS, an intellectual disability is defined as a disorder caused by cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition which results in impairment of, or lack of, normal development of intellectual capacities; and,

WHEREAS, intellectual disabilities originate before the age of 18, and generally continue indefinitely; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 1.5 percent of the United States population is afflicted with an intellectual disability; and,

WHEREAS, due to the early onset and debilitating nature of these disorders, many more children are affected than adults; and,

WHEREAS, one of the main purposes of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal order with 1.8 million members around the world, is to support various charitable causes that seek to make our families and communities stronger; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.3 billion, and volunteered more than 640 million hours of service in the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its 49th Annual Fund Drive on September 21-23, 2018, to benefit programs that serve individuals with intellectual disabilities, distributing proceeds to more than 1,200 service organizations throughout Illinois;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 21-23, 2018, as **HELPING CITIZENS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DAYS** in Illinois, in support of the worthy efforts of the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and encourage all citizens to assist those who are affected by intellectual disabilities.*

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 SECOND *day of* JULY *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundredth.



Debra White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR