



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois River is a critical component of our state's geography, history, economy, and ecology; and,

WHEREAS, many attributes are threatened as a result of the cumulative effects of human activities that have significantly altered the Illinois River System; and

WHEREAS, the state of Illinois is embracing an integrated approach to large river management and is working in a coordinated and continuous manner for the Illinois River; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of the Illinois River Coordinating Council, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Partners for Conservation Program, Illinois Rivers 2020, Open Lands Trust Fund, Mud to Parks capital program, Landowner Incentive Program, Illinois Fish and Wildlife Action Plan, Illinois Conservation Stewardship Program, Illinois Conservation Climate Initiative, Stream and Watershed Assessment and Restoration Program and the Farm Bill Conservation Title are important milestones in efforts to protect the resources of the Illinois River; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2011 Conference on the Management of the Illinois River System is focused on strengthening "National Opportunities"; and,

WHEREAS, the conference will be taking place October 4-6, 2011 at the Hotel Père Marquette in Peoria, Illinois:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as **ILLINOIS RIVER MANAGEMENT MONTH**, and encourage all citizens to recognize the economic, recreational, social, and environmental benefits of conserving and managing to properly utilize and sustain the resources of the Illinois River System.

*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* EIGHTH *day of* APRIL *, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*  
ELEVEN *, and of the State of Illinois*  
*the one hundred and* NINETY-THIRD

*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*

GOVERNOR