

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, computer science (CS) is a foundational subject that engages students academically, provides opportunities to foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and offers pathways to prosperous careers; and,

WHEREAS, computing jobs are the number one source of new wages in the United States and account for the majority of new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) jobs; and,

WHEREAS, 91 percent of available STEM jobs are outside of Silicon Valley; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 24,000 computing jobs open in Illinois each month, with roughly 2,800 graduates from Illinois universities available to fill those positions; and,

WHEREAS, only 49 percent of Illinois schools currently offer foundational CS courses; and,

WHEREAS, the need to make CS learning in Illinois more equitable remains imperative as only 32 percent of women and 6 percent of Black students are participating in key learning opportunities; and,

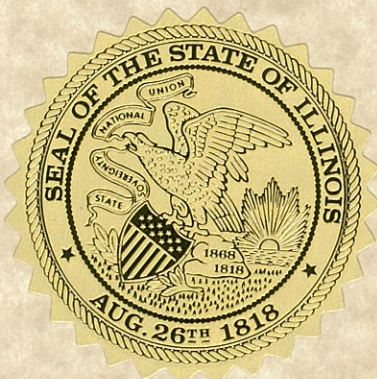
WHEREAS, Public Act 101-0654 requires all Illinois school districts to ensure students receive developmentally appropriate opportunities to gain computer literacy skills beginning in elementary school; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education recently adopted a rigorous K-12 computer science knowledge and skill continuum to support students in progressively developing computational skills to prepare for today and tomorrow's data-rich and interconnected world,

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim December 5-11 as **Computer Science Education Week** 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 FIFTH day of DECEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.*



Doree White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR