WHEREAS, natural and cultural resource stewardship is vital to Illinois’ economy and the well-being of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, for over 160 years the Illinois State Scientific Surveys have faithfully benefitted the economy, the environment and the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, five years ago the Illinois State Scientific Surveys, Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey, and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, were administratively transferred into a new Institute under the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 098-0346, effective August 14, 2013, established the Prairie Research Institute as the administrative home of the Illinois State Scientific Surveys and created the Illinois State Archaeological Survey; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 098-0346 established the following scientific designations which are being formally recognized today: Illinois State Archaeologist, Illinois State Biologist, Illinois State Climatologist, Illinois State Entomologist, Illinois State Geologist, Illinois State Hydrologist, and Illinois Pollution Prevention Scientist; and,

WHEREAS, the Prairie Research Institute provides objective scientific data, research, innovation, expertise, and advice essential to the operation of government at all levels as well as to the prosperity of the private sector and citizens of Illinois; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2013 as PRAIRIE RESEARCH INSTITUTE 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 TWELFTH day of NOVEMBER, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois, one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH.

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

Desire V. Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE