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GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

On October 24, 2009, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act to facilitate the country's ability to respond to the H1N1 influenza virus. The H1N1 epidemic is moving rapidly and, as with the rest of the country, it is necessary for the State of Illinois to be ready to combat and prevent the spread of the virus. The State has begun receiving shipments of the H1N1 influenza vaccine and hospitals and medical clinics are treating an increasing amount of cases of the H1N1 influenza virus.

Therefore, in the interest of aiding the citizens of Illinois, medical facilities, and the State agencies and local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I hereby proclaim that a public health emergency exists in the State of Illinois.

This gubernatorial proclamation will assist the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health in coordinating State efforts in accordance with the State emergency response plans. This proclamation will allow for modification of scopes of practice for occupations with training to give vaccinations as well as assist with patient treatment.

November 13, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor