



WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome (TS) is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,500 live female births; and,

WHEREAS, early diagnosis can ensure that affected girls and women receive a complete cardiac screening; and,

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased in young and middle-aged women with TS; and,

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems and learning difficulties; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with TS have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder (NLD) and in school and work these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills and job retention; and,

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner Syndrome research and support; and,

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with TS can live a happy, healthy life; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of TS Awareness Month will provide an opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Turner Syndrome; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 2012, as **TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** and encourages all citizens to support awareness, education, and services for Turner Syndrome which affects hundreds of female babies 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 SIXTEENTH *day of* FEBRUARY *,*

in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

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the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR