



Proclamation

WHEREAS, transition-age youth who have disabilities and their advocates in Illinois face challenges to their goals of finding competitive, integrated employment with opportunities for advancement; and,

WHEREAS, a 42% employment gap exists between Illinois residents who have disabilities and non-disabled residents; and,

WHEREAS, nationally, 28% of people who have disabilities live in poverty compared to 13% of non-disabled people; and,

WHEREAS, exposure to work-based learning experiences during transitional years is the number one indicator of successful employment during adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, evidence based and promising practices like Individual Placement and Supports (IPS), Project SEARCH, and customized employment exist in Illinois to help young adults reach their employment goals;

WHEREAS, the opportunity to participate and advance in competitive, integrated work linked to a field of interest is an essential component of person-centered planning and self-determination; and,

WHEREAS, competitive, integrated employment is recognized as a social determinant of health that contributes to financial security; and,

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 24, 2018 as **TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY** in Illinois, and urge all Illinoisans to recognize that young adults who have disabilities can succeed in competitive, integrated employment with individualized supports.

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 ELEVENTH day of JULY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundredth.



Dee Dee White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR