



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, earthquake preparedness is important in our state because Illinois is home to two major earthquake faults, the New Madrid and Wabash Valley, and northern Illinois has also experienced several quakes in the past 100 years, the most recent in February 2010 in Kane County; and

WHEREAS, in 1811 and 1812, several of the largest historical earthquakes ever to occur in the continental United States took place in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, creating widespread destruction in the Central United States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the earthquake risks in the state, Illinois residents often travel to regions of the country and the world where earthquakes may occur; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, at 10:15 a.m., Illinoisans are encouraged to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, in which they can practice the “Drop, Cover and Hold On” technique that could prevent injury during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is committed to enhancing earthquake preparedness in Illinois through programs to increase public awareness of earthquake risks in Illinois; promote earthquake preparedness and safety to people, businesses and schools; and assist governmental and non-governmental organizations in the development of plans and conduct training and exercises to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate the damage caused by a catastrophic earthquake; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive information about earthquake preparedness is available on the state’s Ready Illinois website at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov); and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 2012, as **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Illinois and call upon all Illinoisans to utilize the many resources available to learn how to protect themselves and their families during an earthquake.

*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* THIRTY-FIRST *day of* JANUARY, *in*

*the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*

TWELVE, *and of the State of Illinois*

*the one hundred and* NINETY-THIRD

*Sarae White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Pat Quinn*  
GOVERNOR