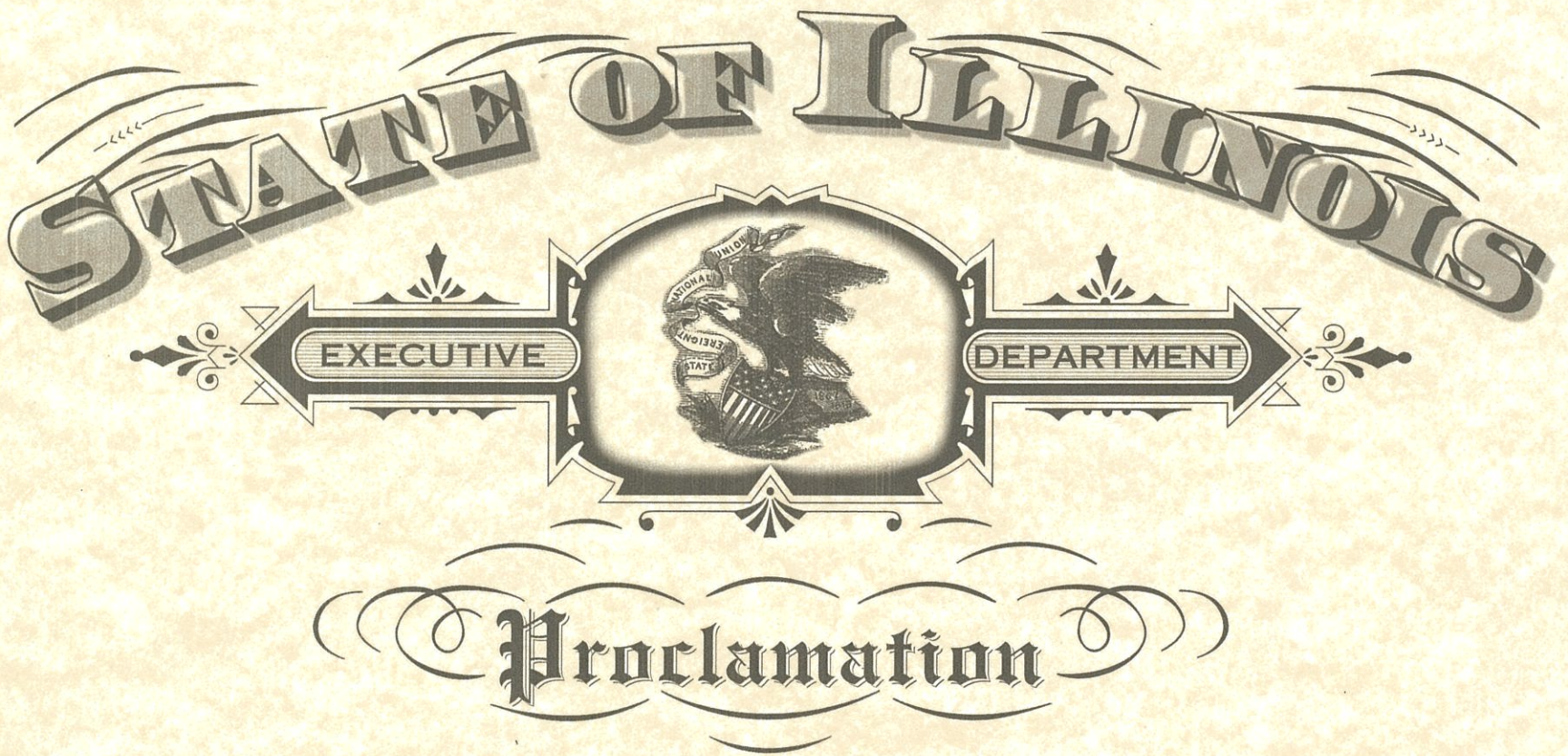




WHEREAS, forensic science encompasses a broad range of scientific disciplines that assist law enforcement, courts, medical examiners, coroners, and other public agencies in the collection, examination, and interpretation of evidence; and,

WHEREAS, frequently portrayed in television programs and movies as producing nearly immediate results, it can create unrealistic expectations regarding the speed, capabilities, and resources available to forensic science laboratories and medical examiner and coroner offices; and,

WHEREAS, forensic science laboratories and medical examiner and coroner offices require adequate personnel, equipment, technology, training, and other resources to conduct accurate, reliable, and timely examinations; and,

WHEREAS, National Forensic Science Week serves as an opportunity to educate policymakers and the public about the realities, capabilities, limitations, and resource needs of the forensic science community; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations promotes awareness of forensic science and serves as a sponsor of National Forensic Science Week, helping highlight the importance of the forensic sciences and the professionals who practice them; and,

WHEREAS, National Forensic Science Week also promotes public awareness of the diverse disciplines within forensic science and encourages students and others to explore educational and career opportunities in the forensic sciences;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2026, as **Forensic Science Week** 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 TWENTY-SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.

Alexi Giannouli
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR