

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are nearly six million supermarket employees in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, there are 202,888 food retail jobs that generate \$38,682,095,600 in economic activity; and,

WHEREAS, supermarket employees provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy, and affordable food; and,

WHEREAS, supermarket employees work to enhance the health and well-being of each customer; and,

WHEREAS, supermarket employees contribute and volunteer countless hours in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, supermarket employees have and continue to meet and exceed supply chain challenges as well as extreme weather challenges, while displaying courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership, as well as exemplifying customer service and community outreach; and,

WHEREAS, the need for supermarket employees is greater than ever because of current and growing consumer demands as well as their reputation for excellence;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2024, as Supermarket Employee Day and ask all citizens to join in showing them thanks and appreciation.

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* JANUARY, *in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-FOUR, *and of the State of Illinois,*

two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouh
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR