



**WHEREAS**, Certified Veterinary Technicians are important members of the veterinary health care team, work in veterinary medicine throughout the nation, and are extremely important in the effort to provide quality animal health care to insure the humane treatment of all animals; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 60 accredited programs throughout the United States which provide intensive study of the skills and knowledge to work competently as a Certified Veterinary Technician; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is extremely important that each Certified Veterinary Technician maintain certification, registration, or licensure through the successful completion of a national and/or state examination; practice lifelong learning through continuing education; and uphold high ethical standards; and,

**WHEREAS**, Certified Veterinary Technicians will join their colleagues across the country to urge all to become aware of the important contributions of Certified Veterinary Technicians to the health and well-being of all animals; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, the Executive Board of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America declared that the third week in October be designated National Veterinary Technician Week;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018, as **CERTIFIED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS 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 THIRD day of OCTOBER, 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