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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the Ninth Annual Chicago Celebrates International Women's Day International Fair and Luncheon presented by the International Visitors Center of Chicago, the International Trade Club of Chicago, and the Union League Club of Chicago.

With the month of March observed as Women's History Month, it is fitting that we take time to recognize the wonderful contributions that women have made and continue to make to our state and nation, culturally, socially, and economically. The celebration of International Women's Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the struggle faced by women around the world in the name of equality, justice, peace and development. Although the role of women in Illinois and around the world continues to evolve, women today still face significant obstacles, and there is much more work to be done in ensuring true equality for all persons.

I would like to commend the organizers of the annual Chicago Celebrates International Women's Day International Fair and Luncheon for once again presenting these events this year. I am proud to join the International Visitors Center of Chicago, the International Trade Club of Chicago, the Union League Club of Chicago, and everyone present today in celebration of women throughout the Land of Lincoln.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor