

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 20th Anniversary since Neli and Brian Rowland co-founded A Safe Haven to provide housing, services, and employment opportunities for over 55,000 people and for thousands of veterans in need across Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, today, A Safe Haven has grown to include a network of over 34 locations that are a comprehensive community based continuum of care and housing, which includes transitional housing, supportive housing, affordable housing and senior housing; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, A Safe Haven provides services for over 5,000 people a year and has created over 4 Social Business Enterprises that collectively employ over 400 people and place them into jobs with hundreds of Illinois employers; and,

WHEREAS, through collaboration with the State of Illinois and other government and private stakeholders, A Safe Haven has become a leading organization committed to serving our most vulnerable people and empowering them to support themselves and their families; and,

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven was named the 2013 Humanitarian Award Winner by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White; and,

WHEREAS, the longevity of A Safe Haven is a testament to the dedication of its founders, board members, and employees; and,

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2014, A Safe Haven will host its 4th Annual 5k RUN! To End Homelessness and Inaugural Veteran Stand Down, with the proceeds going back to the organization; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2014, as A SAFE HAVEN DAY in Illinois, in support of the Annual 5K RUN! To End Homelessness and Inaugural Veteran Stand Down, and in recognition of the efforts this organization makes to end homelessness.

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 THIRTIETH *day of* APRIL *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
FOURTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois,*
one hundred and NINETY-SIXTH *.*

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR