

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis (MG) is a rare autoimmune disease affecting about 20 per 100,000 individuals; and,*

*WHEREAS, myasthenia gravis impairs communication between nerves and muscles, causing fluctuating and often severe muscle weakness that may cause difficulty chewing, smiling, swallowing, talking, or breathing; a disturbed sense of balance, and extreme fatigue; and,*

*WHEREAS, due to its rarity, many Americans are often undiagnosed; and,*

*WHEREAS, Conquer Myasthenia Gravis (Conquer MG) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1972; and,*

*WHEREAS, Conquer MG's mission is to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal care of individuals affected by myasthenia gravis and to improve their lives through programs of patient services, public awareness, medical research, professional education, advocacy, and patient care;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month and urge all residents to join with me in efforts to focus attention on the need for education, treatment, research, and ultimately, a cure for this currently incurable disease.*

*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 SIXTEENTH day of MAY, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and FIFTH.*



*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR