



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Proclamation

Presented this 20th day of January 2023

WHEREAS, Ms. Aysegul Kalaycioglu has dedicated the majority of her life and career in service of the public good, most recently as the Chief Operating Officer of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS), the operational engine enabling the State's more than 80 agencies, boards, and commissions, and;

WHEREAS, in this role, she oversaw the agency's physical infrastructure bureaus to implement high-priority projects within Property Management, Agency Services, and Environmental, Health, and Safety, comprising a \$350 million dollar budget and nearly 400 employees to support 670 facilities and 12,000 vehicles, and;

WHEREAS, Aysegul tirelessly led the efforts and negotiations on the successful disposition of the James R. Thompson Center, a task which eluded her predecessors for nearly twenty years and resulted in almost one billion dollars of taxpayer savings, and;

WHEREAS, she swiftly reacted to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic by pivoting CMS operations to distribute personal protective equipment, sanitize critical facilities, and ensure emergency personnel were equipped to respond to the pandemic, her efforts resulted in saving lives, and;

WHEREAS, as an experienced and distinguished architect by training and trade, she has brought a designer's eye to the State's senior property management role serving as a constant advocate for the notion that State employees should be inspired by their workplaces, and;

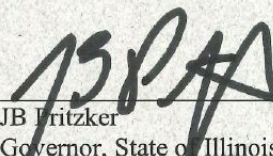
WHEREAS, she has had an exemplary career and has been nationally recognized in public service, first with the non-profit IFF where she provided financial and real estate services to other non-profits serving low-income and disadvantaged communities, and with the City of Chicago where she led architects, engineers, and consultants as Deputy Director for the Department of Fleet and Facility Management, and;

WHEREAS, Aysegul has embodied the founding ideals of her alma mater, Yildiz Technical University, which was established to build and maintain Turkey's public works, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kalaycioglu has served as a wise mentor, fierce ally, and dear friend to her colleagues;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, join in honoring Chief Operating Officer Aysegul Kalaycioglu and her legacy and service to the residents of Illinois.




JB Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois