



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

# Proclamation

Presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

*WHEREAS, Director Anthony Pascente has led the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), the State of Illinois' seven-billion-dollar operations agency that provides critical resources and support to over 80 State entities and over 45,000 employees; and,*

*WHEREAS, Director Pascente drafted and executed CMS' first multi-year strategic plan, developed an intensive strategic planning and internal review process that created an institutional focus on data-driven decision-making and continuous improvement, established the Agency's first analytics team, and directed countless procurements bringing efficiency and modernization to key processes, including a new retiree healthcare program that will result in a savings of slightly more than \$1 billion; and,*

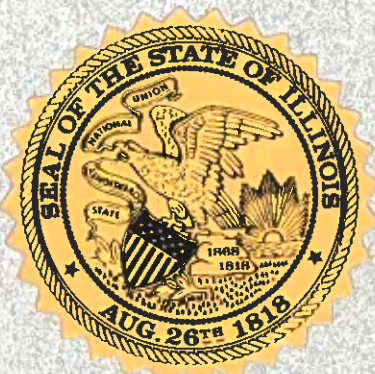
*WHEREAS, he oversaw the State of Illinois' COVID-19 "Work from Home" and "Return to the Workplace" efforts, resulting in the safe return of the State government workforce and saving lives; and,*

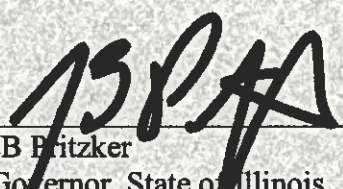
*WHEREAS, he also navigated the decades-long goal of selling the James R. Thompson Center, helping to usher in the start of a new era of a revitalized LaSalle corridor in downtown Chicago and relocated thousands of employees as part of the State's real estate optimization efforts, which will result in over \$900 million in taxpayer savings; and,*

*WHEREAS, as a true Chicagoan and exemplar of servant leadership, Director Pascente began his career with the City of Chicago as a Special Projects Coordinator, ascending to Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Fleet and Facilities Management, and ultimately serving as the City's Deputy Chief Operating Officer, where he was responsible for the City's infrastructure, capital programming, and special event support; and,*

*WHEREAS, Anthony is a living example of the Jesuit values he studied at St. Ignatius College Prep and Loyola University Chicago, embodying their concept of magis—which translates to "the more" or "the greater"—and is displayed by those who strive and persist in service of the universal good;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, join in honoring Director Anthony Pascente and his legacy and service to the residents of Illinois.*



  
JB Pritzker  
Governor, State of Illinois