

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, for more than a century, Illinois community banks and thrifts have acted as the community partners for local businesses, industries, and individuals; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Community Bankers Association of Illinois is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of serving Illinois community banks; and,*

*WHEREAS, more than 400 locally owned and/or operated community banks and thrifts with thousands of banking offices in Illinois have upheld a tradition of giving back to their communities; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois community banks and thrifts employ more than 30,000 workers across the state; and,*

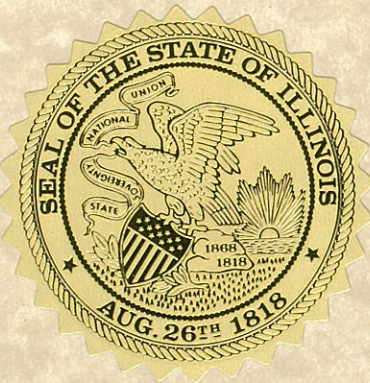
*WHEREAS, typically, more than 95 percent of a community financial institution's loan portfolio is reinvested in the local area as farm, commercial, small business, and residential loans; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois community banks and thrifts are among the safest and most well-capitalized banks in the nation; and,*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2024, as **Community Banking Week** in Illinois in recognition of the contributions to the economic vitality of Illinois and their continuing dedication to fulfilling the credit needs of all Illinoisans.*

*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 NINETEENTH day of MARCH, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and FIFTH.*



*Alexi Giannouli*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR