WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and,

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and,

WHEREAS, gout impacts a patient’s workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and,

WHERAS, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and,

WHERAS, stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and,

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023, as Gout Awareness Day in Illinois and do commend this observance to all our residents.

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 _______ day of ________, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
________, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and ________.

ALEXI A. JOSEPH
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signature]
GOVERNOR