



*WHEREAS, more than nine 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,*

*WHEREAS, 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,*

*WHEREAS, 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, 2024, as Gout Awareness Day 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 THIRTEENTH day of MAY, 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