



*WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters throughout the United States and around the world, including chapters in Illinois, Chicago, and Springfield; and,*

*WHEREAS, since 1950, the AGA has been dedicated to addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers; and,*

*WHEREAS, there are more than 250 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, AGA Chicago and Springfield Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of advancing government accountability, as it continues to broaden education efforts with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its code of ethics; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Chicago and Springfield chapters of AGA are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Illinois by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, and to pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in governmental processes, financial management and control, and in governmental accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting; and,*

*WHEREAS, each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a two-year period;*

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in Illinois in recognition of the unique skills and special knowledge of the professionals who specialize in government financial management.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Deese White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
this SEVENTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
SEVENTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
one hundred and NINETY-NINTH.

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR