



WHEREAS, each year, Illinois faces destructive forces from tornadoes and flooding, which carry the potential to cause severe damage or worse destruction to private property and homes; and,

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes; and,

WHEREAS, these predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and,

WHEREAS, insurance fraud adds five to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes and provides methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and,

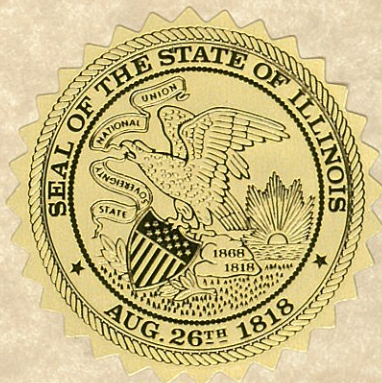
WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Illinoisians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and,

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Illinois, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Illinoisians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Illinois are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 22 – 26, 2023;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 22 – 26, 2023, as **Contractor Fraud Awareness Week** in Illinois.*

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 FIRST day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.

Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR