



PATRICK J. QUINN

Governor

Pat Quinn (Democrat) was sworn in as the 41st Governor of Illinois on Jan. 29, 2009. He won election to a full term on Nov. 2, 2010.

Governor Quinn has focused on restoring integrity to state government and, in his first official act, signed an executive order establishing the Illinois Reform Commission to examine ethics rules and practices in state government. He also led passage of fundamental legislation to return integrity to the state pension boards, ensure state agency compliance with Freedom of Information laws, and increase transparency of state boards and commissions.

Dedicated to investing in Illinois' economy, Governor Quinn worked with the General Assembly to pass a \$31 billion capital construction initiative to support more than 439,000 jobs over six years. Quinn's efforts to boost Illinois' economy also include passing business and technology legislation that strengthens the state's competitive advantage in the Midwest. He created the Illinois Innovation Council to promote and attract innovation-driven entrepreneurs to the state and has worked to double state exports. Quinn also has made significant investments in transportation, education and health-care infrastructure that will create jobs and keep Illinois competitive in the 21st-century global economy.

Since taking office, Governor Quinn has made tough, responsible choices to ensure that the state of Illinois can afford to pay its bills. Quinn has worked to return fiscal stability to Illinois through reform of the pension, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and Medicaid systems, as well as delivered bold education reforms, including setting teacher evaluation benchmarks.

Governor Quinn has moved Illinois forward by abolishing the death penalty, improving nursing-home conditions and legalizing civil unions for all. On Nov. 20, 2013, Quinn signed landmark legislation legalizing same-sex marriage, making Illinois the 16th state to do so.

Quinn was elected Lieutenant Governor in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, serving until his succession to Governor in January 2009. He also served as State Treasurer from 1991 to 1995. As Lieutenant Governor, Quinn created the Illinois Military Family Relief Act, which provides financial assistance to families of Illinois National Guard members and reservists called to active duty. The fund has distributed more than \$15 million to more than 28,000 Illinois military families.

Quinn has served the people of Illinois for more than 30 years as both a citizen and a public official. He has organized grassroots petition drives signed by more than 4 million voters, walked across the state in support of decent health care for all, and proposed historic tax reform for working families. He also served as commissioner of the Cook County Board of (Property) Tax Appeals and as revenue director for the City of Chicago.

Governor Pat Quinn was born and raised in suburban Hinsdale and graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and Northwestern University School of Law. He is the father of two sons.

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