

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Art Glass in the United States, and to celebrate the milestone and recognize the many talented artists, including many in Illinois, more than 500 glass demonstrations, lectures and exhibitions will take place in museums, galleries, art centers, universities, art organizations, festivals and other venues across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Art Alliance of Contemporary Glass (AACG) is a national non-profit organization with members primarily from the United States, whose mission is to educate the public and to provide grants to further the development and appreciation of art made from glass (Contemporary Glass Art); and,

WHEREAS, the Midwest Contemporary Glass Art Group (MCGAG) is an Illinois non-profit organization with over 200 members primarily in Illinois whose mission is to educate the public concerning the development and appreciation of Contemporary Glass Art in the Midwest; and,

WHEREAS, AACG and MCGAG inform and educate the public, including collectors, critics and art curators and provide financial support with grants to University Glass Programs, Museums, Art Center Glass Exhibitions and other public glass programs for Contemporary Glass Art; and,

WHEREAS, there are glass art education programs at Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University whose students are participating in the recognition of the 50th Anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Krannert Art Museum in Urbana-Champaign, the Rockford Art Museum and other art venues in Illinois are having exhibitions in 2012 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States is also being specifically celebrated and recognized on November 3rd, 2012 by over 300 glass collectors, glass artists, curators, and art gallery owners at an event sponsored by AACG on the Spirit of Chicago in connection with the Sculptured Objects & Functional Art International Art Show (SOFA) one of the World's Foremost Fairs of Art and Design Events at the Navy Pier in Chicago from November 1-4, 2012; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois do hereby recognize the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States, the accomplishments of MCGAG and AACG as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary in Illinois and the United States and proclaim November 3, 2012 as CONTEMPORARY GLASS ART DAY in Illinois, and encourage Illinois residents to attend events and exhibitions in Illinois recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art.

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 FOURTEENTH *day of* JUNE *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELVE *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR