

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (“Nature Museum”) has been a leader in science, nature education, and conservation for over 166 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Nature Museum has led the Chicago Conservation Corps (C3) community grassroots program for a decade, impacting lasting sustainable change in all 50 wards of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, the Nature Museum is today officially opening its dedicated exhibit space, the Sustainability Center, as a community resource hub and education center where visitors leave with the passion and know-how to live more sustainably; and,

WHEREAS, the Nature Museum and its new Sustainability Center will lead enhancements to the C3 program which will prioritize Chicago’s frontline communities to offset environmental hazards that plague the city’s South and West sides and will collectively reduce 4,000 metric tons of carbon emissions and reclaim 3,000 square feet of land through community-based projects led by C3-trained leaders in Chicago in the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, the Nature Museum works with sustainability leaders from education institutions, corporations, nonprofits and other organizations across the city, state and country to host collaborative dialogue around sustainable practices, living and impact;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2023, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Sustainability Center Day throughout 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 TWELFTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouli
 SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
 GOVERNOR