STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *November 1 marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Airline Dispatcher Rating under the United States Civil Air Regulations in 1937, formally recognizing the aircraft dispatcher as an essential aviation safety professional; and,*

WHEREAS, *certificated aircraft dispatchers serve a vital role in the safe and efficient operation of our nation's air transportation system, exercising operational control, and sharing responsibility for the planning and monitoring of airline flights; and,*

WHEREAS, *aircraft dispatchers evaluate numerous factors affecting each flight, including aircraft performance and loading, weather conditions and forecasts, turbulence and thunderstorms, routing, airspace restrictions, airport conditions, fuel requirements, and other operational considerations; and,*

WHEREAS, *throughout the course of a flight, aircraft dispatchers continuously monitor changing weather, airport and air traffic conditions, and work collaboratively with pilots, air traffic control, meteorologists, maintenance personnel, and other aviation professionals to support safe operational decision-making; and,*

WHEREAS, *the system of operational control exercised by certificated aircraft dispatchers is a critical component of aviation safety in the United States and contributes to the continued safety, reliability, and efficiency of commercial air transportation; and,*

WHEREAS, *Illinois is home to one of the world's most significant aviation and transportation networks, with thousands of airline flights operating to, from, and through the state each day, supported by dedicated aviation professionals, including certificated aircraft dispatchers; and,*

WHEREAS, *aircraft dispatchers working in Illinois and throughout the world perform their responsibilities around the clock, often behind the scenes, helping passengers and crews safely reach their destinations during normal operations as well as during severe weather, disruptions, emergencies, and other challenging operational conditions;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2026, as* ***World Airline Dispatcher Day*** *in Illinois, and encourage the recognition of the important contributions of aircraft dispatchers to the safety and efficiency of our aviation system.*

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* OCTOBER, *in*

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-SIX, *and of the State of Illinois,*

two hundred and SEVENTH.

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR