

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 195 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/195 new)

7 Sec. 195. Illinois Statehood Day. December 3rd of each year  
8 is designated as Illinois Statehood Day, to be observed  
9 throughout the State as a day to commemorate December 3, 1818  
10 as the day Illinois became the 21st State to join the Union.  
11 Each year, within 10 days before Illinois Statehood Day, the  
12 Governor shall issue a proclamation announcing the recognition  
13 of Statehood Day, and designate the official events that shall  
14 be held in honor of Illinois obtaining statehood on December 3,  
15 1818.