

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 155 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/155 new)

7 Sec. 155. Emancipation Proclamation Week. The first full  
8 week of January of each year is designated as Emancipation  
9 Proclamation Week, to be observed throughout the State as a  
10 week for holding appropriate educational and celebratory  
11 events and observances in the public schools and elsewhere to  
12 honor and remember the work of Abraham Lincoln and others in  
13 emancipating Americans from slavery and in leading to the end  
14 of slavery in America.