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**Pat Quinn**  
GOVERNOR

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Greetings Chicago School Administrators, Teachers, and Staff!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to express my support of your efforts to organize the World's Largest Display of Environmental Art for Earth Day 2013, in partnership with the National Environmental Hall of Fame.

By striving to create 10,000 pieces of environmental art, your students are offered a unique opportunity to showcase Illinois' enthusiasm for sustainability while demonstrating their creative talents. When your goal is reached, this project will break current world records according to the Guinness Book of Records, and will allow Illinois schoolchildren the opportunity to raise awareness of our state's green initiatives in a fun and exciting way.

It is especially fitting that our youngest residents are raising awareness about this important issue. When considering the future of our state, I believe sustainability must be a top priority in order to protect our environment so it can be enjoyed for generations to come. As Chair of the Green Governments Coordinating Council (GGCC), I have organized three K-12 symposiums for teachers and administrators in Chicago Public Schools. Moreover, I passed the Green Cleaning Schools Act which made Illinois the second state in the nation to require the purchase and use of environmentally sensitive cleaning supplies in K-12 schools. Lastly, the Illinois Sustainable Schools Compact that I started as Lt. Governor features best practices that K-12 schools, both public and private, can voluntarily pursue to achieve greater environmental sustainability.

Schools throughout Illinois are continuously rising to the challenge of sustainability by considering and pursuing practices that raise awareness and help our communities and our state lead the way to a greener, cleaner future. I feel honored to support the National Environmental Hall of Fame and Chicago Public Schools in working towards this ambitious goal. I encourage all those in Chicago to participate in this event. Achieving this goal will be a great accomplishment not only for Chicago Public Schools and the City of Chicago, but for the entire State of Illinois.

On behalf of all residents of the Land of Lincoln, I offer my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn  
Governor