

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every young student should have an equitable opportunity to achieve their greatest postsecondary ambitions; and,

WHEREAS, only 22 percent of students from low-income communities earn between a two-four-year postsecondary degree, compared to 67 percent of their peers from high-income areas; and,

WHEREAS, One Goal is on a mission to close the degree divide with a program that has a statistically significant effect on postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and graduation; and,

WHEREAS, since launching in Illinois in 2007, OneGoal has grown to a national organization serving over 23,000 students and alumni across the country, earning national recognition for setting best practices in student advising on postsecondary transitions; and,

WHEREAS, OneGoal pilots innovative programs to, directly and indirectly, improve the advising experience for students across the entire Illinois school system to achieve impact at scale; and,

WHEREAS, OneGoal is building a national movement toward more equitable opportunities for students, focusing on increasing postsecondary completion because research continuously shows that a postsecondary education leads to broad, positive social impact;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as ONEGOAL Day in Illinois to recognition of OneGoal's statewide impact on over 17,000 students and its leadership on systems-level change that is closing the equity gap in postsecondary success across the Land of Lincoln.

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 TWENTY-FIRST day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.



Alexi Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR