

State of Illinois
Office of Governor Pat Quinn



Declaration

WHEREAS, *IDOT* has recognized the importance of environmental sustainability and made a commitment to implementing green practices; and

WHEREAS, *IDOT* has answered the call to green the State of Illinois by implementing at least three of the sustainability criteria to qualify for the Illinois State Fair Green Vendor Challenge; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Challenge are encouraged to reduce waste by recycling boxes, wooden skids, aluminum cans and plastic bottles and use cloth cleaning rags rather than environmentally unfriendly paper towels; and

WHEREAS, vendors promote energy conservation through the use of energy efficient fluorescent light bulbs rather than luminescent light bulbs and by unplugging appliances and cords at night; and

WHEREAS, the use of non-toxic, green cleaning supplies by vendors reduces the risk of negative health repercussions from harsh chemical products, prevents contamination of air, land and water resources and helps spread the word about Illinois new comprehensive and innovative green cleaning standards; and

WHEREAS, vendors are encouraged to help reduce our dependence on imported petroleum by donating waste vegetable oil to be used as an alternative, clean fuel technology in farm equipment and biodiesel vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Challenge encourages vendors to donate leftover food to local food pantries, shelters, or soup kitchens; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing green practices at the 2010 Illinois State Fair, *IDOT* has contributed to the green economy and the development of our sustainable infrastructure;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby commend and salute *IDOT* for serving as a green leader for Illinois citizens across the Land of Lincoln.

Dated this August 18, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Pat Quinn
Governor