

PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDING MARCH 2013 TO BE POISON PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, all citizens of McHenry County, Illinois should be made aware of the ever-present dangers posed by potentially harmful substances in their home, work and play environments; and

WHEREAS, children too often have access to over-the-counter and prescription medications and potentially harmful household products; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, the nation has been observing National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW). The Illinois Poison Center celebrates March as Illinois Poison Prevention Month (IPPM) to help prevent unintentional poisonings and to share tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Illinois Poison Center, the oldest and one of the largest poison centers in the nation, will be celebrating its 60th year of providing poison prevention and treatment recommendations to the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Poison Center is a mainstay in the emergency medical care system of the State of Illinois and is recognized nationally for its contributions to poison treatment and preventions; and

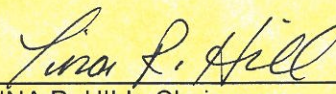
WHEREAS, nearly 50% of the 77,000 poisonings reported last year to the Illinois Poison Center involved children under the age of five and most could have been prevented; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of the exposure calls received from the public are treated over the phone, quickly and safely by experienced, expert staff of the Poison Center rather than in an emergency room.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that Tina R. Hill, Chairwoman of the McHenry County Board, does hereby proclaim March 2013 to be Poison Prevention Month in McHenry County, Illinois and congratulates the Illinois Poison Center for providing outstanding public education and treatment advice to the State of Illinois and McHenry County for 60 years; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Proclamation to the Illinois Poison Center; the County Clerk; and the County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 5th day of March, A.D., 2013.



TINA R. HILL, Chairwoman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:



KATHERINE C. SCHULTZ, County Clerk

