WHEREAS, bulk foods are food items offered in large quantities, which can be purchased in large, bulk lots or transferred from a bulk container into a smaller container for purchase. Commonly available bulk foods typically include any of a number of dry goods from coffee and tea to beans, cereal, pasta and spices; and,

WHEREAS, in this era of mindfulness about our limited resources, shopping in bulk is one simple choice consumers can make to eliminate excessive packaging, save landfill waste, and lower CO2 emissions, while also saving time and money and reducing food waste; and,

WHEREAS, shopping in bulk offers consumers the opportunity to reduce waste by purchasing only the amount needed and decrease carbon footprints by using limited packaging; and,

WHEREAS, shopping in bulk offers consumers the opportunity to save money – anywhere from 30 to 75 percent on average; and,

WHEREAS, the Bulk is Green Council is a national organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of shopping in the bulk aisle; and,

WHEREAS, the Bulk is Green Council seeks to educate consumers about the eco-friendly and affordable nature of buying in bulk; and,

WHEREAS, the Bulk is Green Council is partnering with retailers nationwide to present National Bulk Foods Week on October 14 – 20, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, National Bulk Foods Week is a time to celebrate the environmental and economical benefits of buying in bulk, as well as a chance to encourage consumers who have never shopped in the bulk aisle to consider changing their purchasing habits; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 14 - 20, 2012 as NATIONAL BULK FOODS WEEK in Illinois, and encourage all Illinoisans to consider buying in bulk for its environmental and economical benefits.

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 SEVENTEENTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TWELVE, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FOURTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR