

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, Illinois faces destructive forces from tornadoes and flooding, which carry the potential to cause severe damage or worse destruction to private property and homes; and,

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs to repair or rebuild homes; and,

WHEREAS, these predatory practices by some contractors generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their exposure; and,

WHEREAS, insurance fraud adds five to 10 percent to claims expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes and provides methods in how consumers can identify and avoid such schemes; and,

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Illinoisians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and,

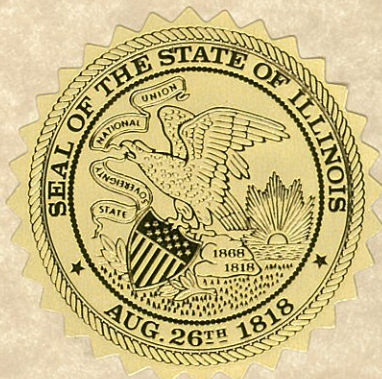
WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Illinois, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Illinoisians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Illinois are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the third annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 22 – 26, 2023;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 22 – 26, 2023, as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week in Illinois.

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



Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR



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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year, Illinois faces destructive forces from
3 strong winds, hailstorms, and flooding, all of which carry the
4 potential to cause serious damage or, even worse, total
5 destruction to private property and homes; and

6 WHEREAS, Following disasters, stressed and strained
7 homeowners are vulnerable to well-rehearsed, predatory
8 practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently adding costs
9 to repair or rebuild homes; and

10 WHEREAS, These predatory practices by some contractors
11 generally increase costs to rebuild for insurers and
12 homeowners alike, ultimately driving up insurance premiums on
13 consumers and forcing some insurers to reevaluate their
14 exposure; and

15 WHEREAS, Insurance fraud adds five to 10 percent to claims
16 expenses paid for by insurers and consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, It is imperative that an effective public
18 outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor
19 fraud schemes and provide methods in how consumers can
20 identify and avoid such schemes; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages
2 Illinoisans to get at least three written estimates, check
3 contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during
4 the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

5 WHEREAS, In collaboration with its local and state
6 partners in Illinois, including law enforcement, first
7 responders, legislators, and state officials, the National
8 Insurance Crime Bureau is committed to educating Illinoisans
9 about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare May 20-24, 2024 as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week
14 in the State of Illinois and encourage all Illinoisans to
15 become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the
16 various programs during the fourth annual event; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the National Insurance Crime Bureau as an
20 expression of our respect and esteem.



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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Each year, Illinois faces catastrophic events,
3 such as tornadoes, hail, thunderstorms, and flooding, all of
4 which carry the potential to cause serious damage or, even
5 worse, total destruction to private property and homes; and

6 WHEREAS, Following disasters, stressed and strained
7 homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from
8 dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or
9 rebuilding costs; and

10 WHEREAS, Predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors
11 taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately
12 increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums
13 and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

14 WHEREAS, It is imperative that an effective public
15 outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor
16 fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and
17 avoid such schemes; and

18 WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages
19 Illinoisans to get at least three written estimates when
20 hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and work
21 closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in
3 collaboration with its local and state partners in Illinois,
4 including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and
5 state officials, are committed to educating Illinoisans about
6 predatory practices by dishonest contractors; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we declare May 19-23, 2025 as Contractor Fraud Awareness Week
10 in the State of Illinois and encourage all Illinoisans to
11 become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the
12 various programs during the fifth annual event; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the National Insurance Crime Bureau as an
16 expression of our respect and esteem.