



# Proclamation

Presented this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011

**WHEREAS**, since 1927, Variety the Children's Charity has been dedicated to promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of children around the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Variety the Children's Charity is to provide funding and services for programs that strive to alleviate suffering and improve the quality of life for children who are mentally and physically challenged, abused, sick, homeless or underprivileged; and,

**WHEREAS**, Variety the Children's Charity of Illinois was formed in 1944 by local theatre owners and businessmen. Their mission was to do in Illinois what the Variety chapters around the world were doing for children's causes; and,

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, Variety the Children's Charity of Illinois has dedicated its efforts to improving the quality of life for the children of our state. Through various fundraising efforts, Variety of Illinois contributes financially to children's programs, organizations, hospitals and schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, to date, Variety the Children's Charity has donated more than \$1.7 billion worldwide for children and organizations that serve children who are disabled or disadvantaged; and,

**WHEREAS**, the diverse programs supported by Variety the Children's Charity include providing mobility aids, specialized learning equipment, and medical programs and hospital equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, from humble beginnings, Variety the Children's Charity has grown into a multinational children's charity with 43 chapters in 14 countries around the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, through hard work, thoughtful stewardship and single-minded focus on the needs of the young, Variety the Children's Charity strives to make a lasting difference in the lives of children, their families, our communities and the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, Variety the Children's Charity will hold its 84<sup>th</sup> Annual World Conference from April 27 - May 1 in Chicago, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, this international convention will bring to the City of Chicago hundreds of delegates representing all the countries in which Variety the Children's Charity works so that they may learn from each other how to better help children around the world;

**THEREFORE**, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby recognize and commend Variety the Children's Charity and all of their dedicated volunteers for making life-enhancing opportunities possible for children in need, and offer my best wishes for a productive conference.



  
Pat Quinn  
Governor, State of Illinois