



*WHEREAS, the Growing Hope program of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago (JCC) was created to combat a perceived crisis of hopelessness in our world and to empower individuals to use the tools of empathy, kindness, and creativity in service of building a brighter future for all; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Growing Hope initiative is firmly rooted in the Jewish value of tikkun olam (repairing our world) - which holds all people responsible for using their voice and talents to make the world a kinder, more tolerant, more beautiful place for all regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, economic status or other diverse backgrounds; and,*

*WHEREAS, hope is critical in the world because it enables us to endure challenges, dream about infinite possibilities, strive to make a positive impact in our communities, and ensure a bright future for our children; and,*

*WHEREAS, JCC Chicago is presenting the 2024 Growing Hope Concert as a call to action and a celebration of the greater Growing Hope initiative, using the power of music and performance to bring together a multigenerational community of caring, engaged individuals committed to the Growing Hope mission of inclusion, kindness, and hope;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2024, as **Growing Hope Day** and call upon all residents to explore, celebrate, and participate in Growing Hope in their communities across the Land of Lincoln.*

*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 SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and FIFTH.*



*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR