

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1933, the Illinois Constitutional Convention ratified the 21st Amendment to the United States Constitution, thereby permitting Illinois to determine how to regulate and control the transportation, importation, possession and use of alcoholic beverages within its borders; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1934, the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 was enacted, establishing the Three Tier Regulatory System (licensed manufacturers, distributors and retailers) to control the importation and sale of alcoholic beverages within the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Three Tier Regulatory System assures that alcoholic beverages are controlled from time of manufacture, delivered through a licensed distribution system, and sold by licensed retailers. This system assures that alcoholic beverages are safe for all adult consumers of legal drinking age, provides an affective means for the state of Illinois to control and collect liquor gallonage taxes, provides that retailers are fairly and equally treated to maintain a competitive retail environment and that licensed retailers only sell to those consumers who are 21 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, licensed distributors are the primary point of regulation of alcohol by the State of Illinois by being the only entity licensed to import alcohol into the State, by maintaining a chain of custody which gives accountability and control to the State of Illinois, and by requiring that all alcoholic beverages in their control are delivered only to licensed retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, in cooperation with the Illinois Principals Association, has distributed over 125,000 booklets to Illinois schools to help parents talk to their children about the dangers of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is proud to salute Illinois beer distributors and the Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois to acknowledge the numerous accomplishments made by these fine citizens who have served Illinois by assuring that all beer brought into the state is safe and through their many efforts promote responsible consumption by all legal adult consumers:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2008 as **BEER DISTRIBUTOR DAY** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Dee Dee White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this EIGHTH *day of* JULY, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
EIGHT, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETIETH

Rod R. Blagojevich

GOVERNOR