

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the Justice, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Office at 9:00 a.m., three proclamations were to be presented and read as part of Western Illinois University's taking part in the National Day of Racial Healing. Unfortunately, weather conditions caused the University to close, which in turn caused the Justice, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity office to cancel the event. Below are the three proclamations that were to be presented and read that day.

State of Illinois Proclamation signed by Governor J.B. Pritzker



## Proclamation

Presented this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

*WHEREAS, individuals, organizations, and communities across the U.S. come together to explore their common humanity and build the relationships necessary to create a more just and equitable society; and,*

*WHEREAS, every person has the ability to make a simple change within themselves - a change of heart, a change of mind - that can have a profound impact on an entire society; and,*


*WHEREAS, if we dedicate ourselves to the fundamental truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about changes in thinking and behavior within ourselves and others; and,*

*WHEREAS, we must work to build a just and equitable society that values, respects, protects, and empowers all people so that our children and grandchildren can grow, learn, and thrive in nurturing environments; and,*

*WHEREAS, The Office of Justice, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity at Western Illinois University in its commitment to building a better world invites the campus and the surrounding communities to join a national movement for change;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby recognize the inaugural participation of Western Illinois University, along with the cities of Macomb and Moline, in the National Day of Racial Healing held on January 16, 2024, and urge everyone in these and other communities to actively promote racial healing and transformation to ensure the best quality of life for every child and every adult.*



  
JB Pritzker  
Governor, State of Illinois

City of Macomb Proclamation signed by Mayor Michael Inman

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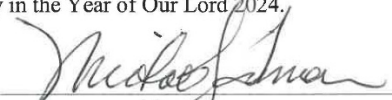
- WHEREAS:** Today, individuals, organizations and communities across the U.S. come together to explore their common humanity and build the relationships necessary to create a more just and equitable society; and
- WHEREAS:** Every single person has the ability to make a simple change within themselves – a change of heart – a change of mind – that can have a profound impact on an entire society; and
- WHEREAS:** If we dedicate ourselves to the fundamental truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about changes in thinking and behavior within ourselves and others; and
- WHEREAS:** We must work to build a just and equitable society that values, respects, protects, and empowers all people so that our children and grandchildren can grow, learn and thrive in nurturing environments where that they can thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** The Office of Justice, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity at Western Illinois University in its commitment to building a better world invites the campus and the surrounding communities to join a national movement for change; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Michael J. Inman, Mayor of the City of Macomb, Illinois do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 following Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as:

### *National Day of Racial Healing*

and urge everyone in our community and on the campuses of Western Illinois University to actively promote racial healing and transformation to ensure the best quality of life for every child and every adult.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Macomb, Illinois, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the month of January in the Year of Our Lord 2024.

  
Mayor



Western Illinois University Proclamation signed by President Huang and Carin Stutz,  
Chair of the Board of Trustees

## PROCLAMATION

**A National Day of Racial Healing  
January 16, 2024**

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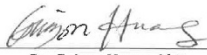
**WHEREAS:** If we dedicate ourselves to the fundamental truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about changes in thinking and behavior within ourselves and others; and

**WHEREAS:** We must work to build a just and equitable society that values, respects, protects, and empowers all people so that our children and grandchildren can grow, learn and thrive in nurturing environments where that they can thrive; and

**WHEREAS:** Western Illinois University in the cities of Macomb and Moline in the state of Illinois is committed to racial equality, and we accept that we all must work for a fair and just campus and community, promote the healing of wounds created by racial, ethnic, and religious bias, and building a just and equitable society so that we as a people can thrive; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Office of Justice, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity at Western Illinois University in its commitment to building a better world invites the campus and the surrounding communities to join a national movement for change; and

**THEREFORE:** I, Guiyou Huang, President of Western Illinois University in the cities of Macomb and Moline in the state of Illinois, do hereby proclaim that this university honors and recognizes the Tuesday, following Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as the National Day of Racial Healing. I urge everyone on campus to actively promote racial healing and transformation to ensure the best quality of life for every child and every adult.



Dr. Guiyou Huang, PhD  
President of Western Illinois University



Carin Stutz,  
Board of Trustees Chair