



Governor Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1974, Dorothy and Roger Hough founded Gateway to Learning upon realizing the need for more specialized education after having two children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, founded with the help of other families in the community, Gateway to Learning operated out of a church until a new building was constructed in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1980s and 1990s Gateway to Learning began providing continued learning opportunities, what we call Lifelong Learning, for adults who had transitioned out of the public school system; and,

WHEREAS, Gateway to Learning exclusively provides programming for adults aged 22 through life for adults to continue to learn, be active, and thrive in Chicagoland; and,

WHEREAS, Gateway to Learning provides support through a number of programming opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including the 'Community Day Services' where they serve over 100 individuals each year to learn life and job skills; and,

WHEREAS, Gateway to Learning is celebrating 50 years of service (1974-2024) to over 2500 individuals in the intellectually and developmentally disabled community in Chicagoland at their RockABILITY fundraising event;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2024, Gateway to Learning Day in Illinois.

In Witness whereof, I have here unto 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 fifteen day of April, the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four.