



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Proclamation

Presented this 17th day of October 2018

WHEREAS, Leon Max Lederman was born on July 15, 1922, in Manhattan, New York to Morris and Minna Lederman; and,

WHEREAS, during World War II, Dr. Lederman served with the Army Signal Corps, and upon release he entered graduate school at Columbia University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1951; and,

WHEREAS, the first notable experiment for Dr. Lederman was in 1957, when alongside two colleagues worked through an experimental approach to forces in nature; and,

WHEREAS, in 1979, Dr. Lederman became director of Fermilab, where he oversaw the construction of the Tevatron, which was the most powerful accelerator of its day; and,

WHEREAS, in 1985 Dr. Lederman created Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, and opened the doors to advance STEM teaching statewide; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lederman won the Nobel Prize in 1988 for his role in the demonstration of the doublet structure of the leptons through the discovery of the τ lepton; and,

WHEREAS, upon retirement from Fermilab, Dr. Lederman became a professor of physics at the University of Chicago, continuing his promotion of science education, and eventually serving as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Lederman is survived by his wife, Ellen, his three children, Rena, Rachel, and Jess Lederman, and five grandchildren,

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do recognize Dr. Leon Lederman for his service towards science education, as well as his contributions to scientific progress.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rauner".

Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

