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**Governor Quinn Becomes Chair of the Midwestern Governors Association**

*Washington, D.C.* - Illinois Governor Pat Quinn assumed the duties of Chair of the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) earlier this week.

"I am honored to become Chairman of the Midwestern Governors Association. The association has a long history of governors who are committed to working together to improve our entire region, and I look forward to continuing that legacy," said Governor Quinn. "Now, more than ever, we need to band together to create sustained economic growth and success throughout the Midwest."

Governor Quinn assumed office on Monday, January 10, 2011 and will serve as chair through February of 2012.

The MGA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that brings together the governors of Midwestern states to work cooperatively on public policy issues of significance to the region. In addition to Quinn, the current members of the MGA are Gov. Mitch Daniels (Ind.), Gov. Chet Culver (Iowa), Gov. Sam Brownback (Kansas), Gov. Rick Snyder (Mich.), Gov. Mark Dayton (Minn.), Gov. Jay Nixon (Mo.), Gov. John Kasich (Ohio), Gov. Dennis Daugaard (S.D.) and Gov. Scott Walker (Wis.). Iowa Gov.-Elect Terry Branstad will be a member of the association when he assumes office on January 14.