

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

To the Women of Illinois:

The week beginning November 5, 1917, has been set aside for the registration of the women of Illinois. I urge upon all women to go to the place designated in their communities and to register their names. This applies as well to those who feel that they will not have time for other duties than they now discharge, as to those who have the time and are willing to help directly in the work which the war has brought. There are some who will be able and willing to take the places of men who have been called to the colors. There are others who will help in the work of caring for the families of those who have gone to the front. There are still others who will be glad, through the Red Cross and other like organizations, to help to minister to the comfort and welfare of our soldiers in the field. There are a thousand activities for which women are peculiarly fitted, and which will help greatly to maintain our morale in the field, and, what is equally important, to maintain our morale at home. The registration cards which will be provided at the places of registration will enable each woman easily and fully to indicate where her chief usefulness to our country will be in this crisis.

A general registration of our women will bring cheer to our soldiers in the field, strength to our government, and will give notice to the world that the spiritual resources of Illinois are mobilized in the prosecution of this most righteous war.

FRANK O. LOWDEN,
Governor.

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