



# IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth commemorates the day when 250,000 enslaved people in the state of Texas, which became the last bastion for slavery during the final days of the Civil War, were declared free by the U.S. Army. On Wednesday morning Governor Pritzker signed HB3922 into law making Juneteenth a state holiday in Illinois! I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation this session! June 19th is a day of remembrance, restoration and celebration.

## Internet Discounts for Low Income Families

More than 1.1 million Illinoisans lack at-home computers. To help, this week [Heartland Forward](#) joined federal, state and local collaborators helping connect Illinoisans to affordable internet through [Federal Communications Commission's \(FCC\)](#)'s \$3.2 billion [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) (EBB) program.

The program utilizes federal COVID-19 relief funding to provide eligible households discounts of up to \$50 a month on home internet service. The program also offers a \$100 discount towards the purchase of a laptop, computer, or tablet from a participating provider. The new federal program builds on

Governor Pritzker's Connect Illinois initiative to close the digital divide and deliver high-speed internet access throughout the state by 2024.

This is a limited time offer. Click [here](#) to apply or call (833) 511-0311 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

## In District

This week I had the pleasure of touring Marklund's Geneva facilities. They do amazing work for adults with severe developmental disabilities. Learn more about this great organization [here](#)!



I was also extremely excited to visit [Frida Kahlo's Timeless Exhibit](#) at College of DuPage! Their exhibit will be open until September 6th, I encourage you all to check them out before they close!



### **What's Next?**

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 630 326 9319 or by email at [constituentservices@senatorvilla.com](mailto:constituentservices@senatorvilla.com) if you have any legislative questions or constituent concerns.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa".

Karina Villa, MSW  
State Senator, 25th District