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Jesse White Applauds Blackhawks Historic Season; Encourages Fans to Purchase Blackhawks License Plates

More than \$1.3 million generated thus far to support Illinois public schools

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White today applauded the Chicago Blackhawks' historic season and encouraged Blackhawks fans to show support for the team by purchasing Illinois Blackhawks license plates. In addition to showing Blackhawks team spirit, the purchase of these license plates also supports public education across the state.

"The Chicago Blackhawks will open the Stanley Cup Final Wednesday night at home against the Boston Bruins in what should be a terrific series," said White. "The Hawks have enjoyed a special and record-breaking season this year, from opening the campaign with 24 straight games without a regulation loss, to overcoming a three-games-to-one deficit in the second round against Detroit, to dispatching last year's champions in the Western Conference Finals. What better way to celebrate the Blackhawks' accomplishments as a fan than by purchasing Chicago Blackhawks license plates while at the same time supporting public education in Illinois."

In less than three years, more than 25,000 sports series license plates have been sold to automobile owners and motorcyclists, generating more than \$1.3 million in revenue for public schools.

A \$25 special plate fee from the sale of each set of license plates will support the Professional Sports Teams Education Fund with proceeds going to the Common School Fund, which supports public schools throughout the state of Illinois.

The public can order these license plates by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Fans can order random-number, personalized or vanity plates. The cost to purchase a random-number plate for a currently titled vehicle with valid Illinois registration is \$69. In this same scenario the cost is \$66 for a motorcycle license plate. Pricing varies for vanity and personalized license plates.

Currently, in addition to the Chicago Blackhawks, sports series license plates available to the motoring public include the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox.

Public Act 095-0331, enacted in 2002, allows for Illinois sports teams to have license plates designated as Professional Sports Teams license plates. Public Act 097-0914 expanded the series to include motorcycle license plates.

