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**Jesse White**  
Secretary of State

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Storchenfreunde Nider-Klingen  
c/o Gottfried Gotz  
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64853 Otzberg  
Germany

Dear Members of Klinger Stochenfreunde:

Your letter to Governor Quinn requesting permission to use the name Illinois on a hiking trail in Nider-Klingen/Germany has been forwarded to me.

Thank you for sharing the history of the connection of the forest and residents of Illinois. I am very happy and flattered to extend permission to your group to use the Illinois name for your hiking trail from Nider-Klingen to The Americas.

I extend my best wishes to 'Klinger Storch.de' in its efforts with the hiking trail and restoration of the stork's habitat to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White  
Secretary of State