

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, highway workers, as well as counties, municipalities, and townships throughout Illinois, are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities by improving the safety of our state's work zones and educating the public about laws that make work zones safer; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, and Illinois State Police, while maintaining the safety of state highways, are regularly exposed to the dangers presented by work zones; and,*

*WHEREAS, Illinois sees an average of nearly 6,195 work zone crashes a year, resulting in 1,073 injuries; and,*

*WHEREAS, preliminary data indicates 35 people were killed in Illinois work zones in 2025, the majority of whom were motorists and their passengers; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, and both local and industry partners come together each spring to call attention to work zone safety and raise awareness, asking motorists to help improve safety by making responsible choices when driving through work zones; and,*

*WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the 2026 National Work Zone Awareness Week, which runs April 20-24 with the theme, "Safe Actions Save Lives," to reinforce safe behaviors in work zones;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2026, as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
this THIRTEENTH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SEVENTH.



*Alexi Giannouch*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR