

WHEREAS, the safety, health, and well-being of Illinois' workforce is of paramount importance; and,

WHEREAS, the interests of Illinoisians are best served by workers who prioritize safety and the resources of our state are best applied when employees are protected; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of workers are injured or killed each year in construction and Illinois work zones see an average of more than 6,000 crashes a year resulting in more than 1,600 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, safety and health programs prevent fatalities and injuries, improve compliance with regulations, reduce costs, and increase productivity; and,

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week is a nationally recognized event hosted by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration to celebrate the successes of organizations that have implemented safety and health programs in the workplace; and,

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week provides an opportunity for government agencies, businesses, and community organizations to come together to promote safety awareness and improve the lives of Illinois workers;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2024, as **Safe** + **Sound 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.



Alexi Giannoul
SECRETARY OF STATE

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