



**WHEREAS**, the residents of Illinois value safe and healthful workplaces for all of our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, while the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, more than 4,600 workers die each year from job-related injuries and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, including costs for health care, illnesses, and the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend, and a co-worker; and,

**WHEREAS**, safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and a better reputation, while recording less lost time as well as lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the week of May 7-13, 2017, designated as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and corporate/association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee, and public awareness of being safe at work to encourage safe practices and help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017, as **NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.

**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 <sup>NINETEENTH</sup> day of <sup>APRIL</sup>, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

SEVENTEEN

\_\_\_\_\_, and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Bruce Rauner*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR