

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and highway workers throughout Illinois are committed to improving safety in our state's work zones and educating the public about laws that make work zones safer and reduce the number of crashes and fatalities in work zones; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Police, in the course of maintaining safety on the state's highways, are regularly exposed to the dangers presented by work zones; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois experiences an average of 5,191 work zone crashes each year, resulting in more than 1,500 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, preliminary statistics indicate 29 people were killed in Illinois work zones in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, each spring, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, and their partners in the transportation industry collaborate on a statewide initiative to call attention to work zone safety and raise awareness of the rules and responsibilities motorists must follow when driving through work zones; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative, part of the National Work Zone Awareness Week that runs this year between April 9-13 with the theme "Work Zone Safety: It's Everybody's Responsibility," is an effort to change behavior and save lives; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is proud to host the nationwide kick-off event on April 10 for this year's National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 9-13, 2018, 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 TWENTY-SECOND day of MARCH, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR