WHEREAS, the safety and health of North Carolina workers is fundamental in preventing workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 report stated that the workplace injury and illness rate in North Carolina is at an all-time low of 2.3 per 100 full time workers in the private industry; 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 that celebrates the successes of businesses that have implemented safety and health programs in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week is an opportunity to improve the lives of North Carolina workers and increase awareness about the need for a strong occupational safety and health program; and

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week is an opportunity for North Carolina organizations, regardless of size or industry, to celebrate their commitment of safety to workers, customers, the public and partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2019, as “SAFE + SOUND WEEK” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.