

### Office of the Governor State of Missouri

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WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards, has Safety and Health Consultants throughout the state of Missouri who are committed to saving lives every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety and Health Consultants provide training and education to workers to identify hazards, for management to follow-up on the hazards identified, and for company safety committees and employees to participate in problem solving and implementation of corrective actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the core elements of an effective safety and health program are management leadership, worker participation, and finding and fixing workplace hazards; and

WHEREAS, a successful safety program depends on identifying hazards early, evaluating the risk and removing or controlling hazards before they can do harm; and

WHEREAS, accidents and injuries in the workplace are preventable and employees must be engaged, educated and aware of unsafe conditions and unsafe behaviors; and

WHEREAS, hazards that are left unattended because they produce no injury today can lead to serious or fatal injuries in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, first-level supervisors and employees are the critical link to identifying hazards and maintaining a safe workplace; and

WHEREAS, all employees can get actively involved through hazard identification and reporting; and

WHEREAS, all employees play a role in keeping each other safe while protecting themselves, coworkers, and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri encourages all employers and workers to contribute to this safety initiative and help make the state of Missouri a safe and healthy place to work.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2017, to be

#### SAFE+SOUND WEEK

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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