

## **PROCLAMATION**

## WORKPLACE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH June 2017

WHEREAS, safe and healthy workplaces are vital to our well-being and the economic prosperity of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 100,000 Pennsylvania workers suffer serious job-related injuries or illnesses and more than 70 PA workers die in work-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, workplace safety requires the cooperation of all levels of government, business, and industry, as well as the general public; and

WHEREAS, implementing health and safety programs can improve Pennsylvania's business performance and contribute to the local economy and job force; and

WHEREAS, workplace injuries lead to increased medical and worker compensation costs, and diminishes productivity of employees; and

WHEREAS, accidents and injuries in the workplace are preventable, and employees and employers must be engaged, educated, and aware of safety practices and policies; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council has designated June as National Safety Month for 2017, and provides resources to promote safety in the workplace, as well as at home and while driving; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor & Industry will present the 16th Annual Workers' Compensation Conference this month to provide employers with information on workplace safety and updates on the state's workers' compensation program; and

WHEREAS, promoting good workplace safety and health practices are endeavors worthy of the support of all Pennsylvanians.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as WORKPLACE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH in Pennsylvania, and I encourage all citizens to do their part to promote a safe and healthy commonwealth.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of June two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.

TOM WOLF Governor