

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, the residents of Maine value safe and healthy workplaces for all of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, however more than 5,000 U.S. workers die each year from job-related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, at least 20 Maine workers died while either on the job, traveling to or from the job, or as a result of an injury or illness connected to their work; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. businesses spend \$177 billion each year on costs tied to occupational injuries, illnesses and healthcare, as well as facing intangible costs of losing a loved one, friend or coworker; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations with safer workplaces enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, a better reputation and an improved bottom line; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of August 11-17, 2025, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the membership of leading safety professional organizations, and corporate and association partners representing thousands of businesses will recognize the importance of safety and health programs in every workplace and encourage organizations to hold safety as a core value;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of August 11-17, 2025 as

**Safe + Sound Week**

in Maine, and I encourage all organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.



In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my  
hand at Augusta this sixteenth day of  
July Two Thousand Twenty-Five

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State