

State of Rhode Island GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Safe + Sound Week

WHEREAS, each year throughout the country more than five thousand workers die from work related incidents; millions suffer a serious job-related injury or illness; and thousands are permanently disabled, injured or made ill; and

WHEREAS, concerned employers statewide are determined to prevent these tragedies by providing proactive workplace safety and health programs, improving compliance with laws and regulations, engaging workers, enhancing social responsibility goals, increasing productivity, and enhancing business operations to support safe workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the core elements of effective safety and health programs are management leadership; worker participation, training and finding and fixing workplace hazards; 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, a successful safety program depends on identifying hazards early, evaluating the risk and removing or controlling hazards before they can do harm; and

WHEREAS, all employers and employees play a role in being actively involved, keeping each other safe while protecting themselves and their coworkers; and

WHEREAS, Safe + Sound Week provides an opportunity for Rhode Island employers and workers to acknowledge and celebrate their commitment to the safety of workers and to help make Rhode Island a safe and healthy place to live and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2025, as **Safe + Sound Week in the state** and do urge all those in the State of Rhode Island to support and promote this observance.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Office of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island this 12th day of August, 2025.

Daniel J. McKee Governor

Gregg M. Amore Secretary of State