

## SAFE + SOUND WEEK 2018 PROCLAMATION

Designating Aug. 13-19, 2018, as "Safe + Sound Week."

The State/City/County of \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the residents of (city/state/county) value safe and healthy workplaces for all of our citizens while recognizing that safe workplaces are sound businesses; 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**, businesses spend \$170 billion a 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**, safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, a better reputation and an improved bottom line; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of Aug. 13-19, 2018, members of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and corporate and association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize throughout the United States in an effort to increase public awareness of the value of following safe practices and staying safe at work while helping companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, (name and title), do hereby proclaim Aug. 13-19, 2018, to be Safe + Sound Week, encouraging all organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.