

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, and highway workers throughout Illinois are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities by improving the safety of our state's work zones and educating the public about laws that make work zones safer; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, and Illinois State Police, while maintaining the safety of state highways, are regularly exposed to the dangers presented by work zones; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois sees an average of more than 6,000 work zone crashes a year, resulting in over 1,600 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, preliminary data indicates 24 people were killed in Illinois work zones in 2023, the majority of whom were motorists and their passengers; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police, and industry partners come together each spring to call attention to work zone safety and raise awareness, asking motorists to help improve safety by making responsible choices when driving through work zones; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the 2024 National Work Zone Awareness Week, which runs April 15-19 with the theme - Work Zones are temporary, actions behind the wheel can last forever - to change behavior and save lives;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 15-19 Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this _____ *NINTH* _____ *day of* _____ *APRIL* _____, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
_____ *TWENTY-FOUR* _____, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and _____ *FIFTH* _____.



Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR