

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the Colorado Division of Workers Compensation, there were 27,243 “lost-time” claims in our state between 2004 and 2013. Over that same period, Colorado’s average annual employment increased by almost 20% yet the number of lost-time claims filed decreased by almost 7%; and

WHEREAS, these statistics indicate that our focus on workplace safety is impacting positive results. By implementing workplace safety measures, Colorado businesses can be assured of a continual improvement in these critically-important areas; and

WHEREAS, all workers, regardless of their occupation, deserve to work in safe and healthy workplaces. A safe working environment does not exist solely in a company’s policy. It must also be in the hearts and minds of all employees. A safe working environment exists when a company adheres to, and communicates regularly about safety expectations; and

WHEREAS, accidents are preventable. The key to prevention is knowing that safety is not only the responsibility of the worker, it is also a key responsibility of the employer; and

WHEREAS, employers who are working to address accidental injuries in the workplace are to be recognized for all they do. Workers and their families also benefit, but their efforts also make good business sense. Workplace accidents can have an adverse effect on a company’s reputation and its bottom line. The National Safety Council estimates the average cost of a lost-time injury to be more than \$38,000; and

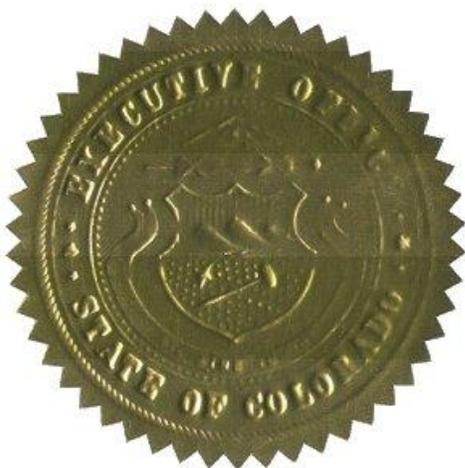
WHEREAS, the Premium Cost Containment Program of the Division of Workers Compensation works to prevent accidental injuries and deaths by educating employers about safe practices in the workplace. Through the establishment of a Premium Cost Containment program, businesses can make their workplaces safer;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, June 2017, as

WORKPLACE SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of June, 2017



John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor