WHEREAS, making safety and health a daily priority is critical to the well-being of all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, many hazards encountered daily at work and home can be mitigated through adherence to basic safety and health rules and practices; and

WHEREAS, National Safety Month, observed each June, emphasizes helping state employees identify dangers at their work and elsewhere that impact their well-being; and

WHEREAS, through practicing methodical risk management, our state efforts will increase mindfulness concerning safety hazards and how they may be lessened or eliminated; and

WHEREAS, continuing safety and health training helps reduce workplace injuries and supports the objective of all state agencies to safeguard the health and safety of our citizens and state employees; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina continues to utilize the Flag The Hazard digital reporting tool for state employees to report hazards observed in their workplace for mitigation and potential elimination; and

WHEREAS, the safety of state employees is a collective duty amongst all employees in every state agency; and every state agency should enthusiastically promote efforts to identify and remedy unsafe workplace conditions; and

WHEREAS, the state acknowledges the significance of hazard awareness demonstrated by its deep commitment to safety and health related new and existing programs and urges all North Carolinians to engage in similar pursuits to decrease the frequency of avoidable injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2022, as “SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.