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PORTLAND

*Whereas*, every year more than 5,500 people die, 5,559 in 2003, from job-related injuries and millions more suffer from occupational injuries and illnesses; and

*Whereas*, every day millions of people go to and return home from work safely due in part to the efforts of many unsung heroes - occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners who integrate safety into the business operation and implement safety advances aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities and injuries; and

*Whereas*, our society has long recognized the importance of decreasing workplace injuries and deaths and that a safer workplace positively impacts employee morale, health and productivity; and

*Whereas*, the more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

*Whereas*, it is imperative that employers, employees and the general public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace and the positive impact integrating effective safety and health programs in the workplace has the economy; and

*Whereas*, during the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers will work to raise employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in the lives of Portland residents and citizens across the country;

*Now, therefore*, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2007 as

*North American Occupational Safety and Health Week*

in Portland and encourage all residents  
to recognize the importance of occupational safety in the workplace.

