WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Altamonte Springs value safe and healthful workplaces for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable, however more than 4,500 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, health care and illnesses and the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend and a co-worker; and

WHEREAS, safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction and a better reputation, while recording less lost time, and lower workers’ compensation and healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 5-11, 2013 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and corporate/association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of being safe at work to encourage safe practices; to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for their commitment to protect people, property and the environment at work in their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pat Bates, Mayor of the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013 to be NAOSH Week and Wednesday May 8, 2013, to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of the importance of safe workplaces for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida to be affixed this 2nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand thirteen.

[Signature]
PAT BATES, MAYOR