Proclamation

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Fruitland Park value safe and healthful workplaces for all of 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 4-10, 2014, *North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week*, 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 and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2014 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, be it proclaimed that I “Christopher J. Bell, Mayor of the City of Fruitland Park, Florida”, on behalf of the city commissioners, and by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2014 to be *NAOSH Week* and Wednesday May 7, 2014, 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.

DATED this 24th day of April 2014.

Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:

Esther Coulson, City Clerk