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, a single slip or fall injury averages approximately $25,000 in direct costs and in order to maintain a 10 percent profit margin it has been estimated that an additional $250,000 in sales would be needed to make up for just the direct costs of one such incident; and

Whereas, during the week of May 5-11, 2013, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and corporate/association partners will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of the importance of being safe at work; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encourage safe practices; and on May 8, 2013, Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day will recognize safety professionals working to keep people safe, preserving a company’s good reputation, building employee pride, and helping their communities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, John Rees, Mayor of the City of Winter Garden do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013, to be

“North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)”

and Wednesday, May 8, 2013, to be

“Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day”

To commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, environment, and businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the City Seal to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2013.

Mayor John Rees

Attest:

Kathy Golden, City Clerk