OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, more than 4,500 people died from job-related injuries, 12 people a day in the U.S. and millions more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses with fewer than 500 employees represent about 99.9 percent of the total businesses in the U.S. and create roughly two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. today; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to help small businesses grow and succeed, during NAOSH Week ASSE and its members will be distributing important information to small businesses on how effective occupational safety and health efforts can help them move their businesses forward, contribute positively to the bottom line, help protect their employees and property from risk; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend $170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, health care and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, indirect tangible costs of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from accident investigation, low employee morale, retraining workers, repairs and production delays, while the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend and co-worker go beyond a price tag; and

WHEREAS, the costs to recoup are high – 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, occupational safety, health and environmental professionals work every day so that millions of people go to and leave work injury free, by identifying hazards and solutions, and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and
WHEREAS, occupational safety, health and environmental professionals work around the clock so millions of people leave their workplace injury and illness free to return home to their families and friends each day; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 6-12 2012, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize country wide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the public's awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers returning home injury and illness free each day to their families, to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encouraging safe practices; and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2012 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation and employee pride and helping their community.

Now, therefore, I, MARTIN J. MOYLAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2012 as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK (NAOSH)

and May 9, 2012 as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (OSHP) DAY

and commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment and commend those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies; encourage all industries organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace and encourage everyone to be safe at work.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2012

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Martin J. Moylan, Mayor