WHEREAS, the residents of Orange County value safe and healthful workplaces for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable; however, more than 4,400 workers die each year from job-related injuries, and millions more suffer from occupational-related injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend $170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, healthcare, and illnesses, and the intangible costs of losing a loved one, frie, or co-worker are incalculable; 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 3 through May 9, 2015, 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, and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2015, 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, Teresa Jacobs, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Orange County Mayor, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015 as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NAOSH) WEEK

and Wednesday, May 6, 2015 as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DAY

in Orange County, Florida, 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.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24th day of April, 2015.

TERESA JACOBS, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR