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

WHEREAS, 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 costs of losing a loved one, a friend and a co-worker are intangible; and

WHEREAS, safer organizations enjoy lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs, increased productivity, employee satisfaction and a better reputation; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 4-10, 2014, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers will join with the Connecticut Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety and Health, the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as well as corporate and association partners throughout the state to increase employer, employee and public awareness of being safe at work; now

HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2014 as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY

and the week of May 4-10, 2014 as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities designed to increase awareness of safe workplaces for all.

GOVERNOR