NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, the residents of Florida 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 5 – 11, 2013, North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineer 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, to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 8th, 2013, 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, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 8, 2013, to be Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day and May 5-11, 2013, as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 15th day of April, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor