WHEREAS, the residents of New Mexico value safe and healthy workplaces; 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 from occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend $170 billion a year on costs related to occupational injuries, health care, and illnesses and the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend, or 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 1st through May 7th, 2016, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and corporate and association partners encourage workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2016, 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, Susana Martinez, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 1st through the 7th, 2016, as "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week" and "Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day" throughout the state of New Mexico, 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.


WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

BRAD WINTER
SECRETARY OF STATE