

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** every year more than 5000 people die from job-related injuries and tens of thousands of others die from occupational disease; and

**WHEREAS,** every day of the year millions of people go to and return home from work safely due in part to the effort of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners who integrate safety into the business operation and implement safety advances aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities and injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** our society has long recognized the importance of decreasing workplace injuries and deaths and that a safer workplace positively impacts employee satisfaction; and

**WHEREAS,** the more than 30,000 members of the 93-year-old non-profit American Society of Safety Engineers, the oldest and largest safety organization, are committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

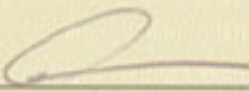
**WHEREAS,** it is imperative that employers, employees and the general public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace and the positive impact integrating effective safety and health programs in the workplace has on the economy; and

**WHEREAS,** during the week of May 2 through May 8, 2004 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers will work to raise employer's, employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in everyone's lives.

Now, therefore, I, **ANTHONY W. ARREDIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES,** do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 – 8, 2004 as

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004

  
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Anthony W. Arredia, Mayor

