

Whereas, every year more than 5,000 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 productivity and 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 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 employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in the lives of Portland residents and citizens across the country;

Now, therefore, I, Vera Katz, Mayor of the City of Portland, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2004
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North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

in Portland, Oregon and encourage all citizens
to recognize the importance of safety in the workplace

Vera Katz

