

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, every year more than 3500 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, every day, millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners - who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the work of these professionals in the areas of safety and health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness programs contribute greatly to the improvement of overall employee health, increased productivity, reduction in health care costs, and yield significant return on investment for the employer; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSHW) is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to demonstrate the positive integrating effective safety and health processes in the workplace and the community has on the economy and business, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals in all areas, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health processes.

Now, therefore, I, **ANTHONY W. ARREDIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES,** do hereby proclaim the week of April 30 - May 6, 2006 as

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

Dated this 30th day of March, 2006


Anthony W. Arredia, Mayor

