



- WHEREAS:** Every year more than 5,500 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:** These occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, develop safer products and are 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 and morale, increased productivity and quality of life, reduction in health care costs, and yield significant return on investment for the employer; 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 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 impact that 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; and
- WHEREAS:** During NAOSHW Week, we remember those who lost their lives from on-the-job injuries and the 4.3 million more who suffered injuries and illnesses last year.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 30 – May 6, 2006** to be

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 7, 2006.

Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

