



*North American Occupational Safety and
Health Week*

April 30 – May 6, 2006

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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 the workplace 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, and are committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS the purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to demonstrate the positive impact integrating effective safety and health processes in the workplace and the community, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by implementation of safety and health processes; and

WHEREAS our society has long recognized that a safer and healthy workplace positively impacts employee morale, health, productivity and quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 30 – May 6, 2006, as “**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**” in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in recognizing the safety and health profession for its dedication and commitment to helping enhance the quality of life of others.


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