



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1904 the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development has forged a unique and productive partnership with labor and industry which has safeguarded the rights of New Jersey workers by keeping workplaces safe and hazard free; and

WHEREAS, in today's highly competitive economy, workplace injuries and illness not only threaten the economic security of workers and their families, but dramatically affect business productivity, hindering an employers ability to compete; and

WHEREAS, everyday millions of people go to and return home from work safely, due in part to the effort of many unsung heroes - the occupational safety, health and environmental professionals who work diligently identifying hazards and implementing safety advances in all industries and at all workplaces; and

WHEREAS, most workplace injuries and illnesses are preventable and it is important to raise public awareness by promoting safety and accident prevention; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging a safe work environment in the private and public sector, both management and labor can enhance the lives of all New Jersey citizens; and

WHEREAS, during Occupational Safety and Health Week, members of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers will be mobilizing in an effort to increase employees', employers' and the public's understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in New Jersey, and urge all employers and employees to commit themselves to a safe and healthy workplace.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixth day of May in the year two thousand seven, the two hundred thirty-first year of the Independence of the United States.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

ACTING GOVERNOR

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE