

Arlington Heights Proclamation
North American Occupational Safety & Health Week
May 4 – 10, 2008
&
Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day
May 7, 2008

WHEREAS, every year more than 5,700 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses – costs that take away from company profits; 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, during the week of May 4 – 10, 2008 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), American Society of Safety Engineers members and partners will be mobilizing in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the general public's understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encouraging safe practices; and

WHEREAS, the theme of NAOSH Week 2008 is "safety is good business"; occupational injuries and illness increase workers' compensation and retraining costs, absenteeism, and possible faulty product production; also decreasing productivity, morale, and profits; businesses operate more efficiently when they use effective safety and health management systems; and

WHEREAS, on May 7 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the third annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene J. Mulder, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 10, 2008 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) and May 7, 2008 to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day. We encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace and to recognize the commitment of occupational safety and health professionals in their ongoing work to protect people, property and the environment on May 7, 2008 for the annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.


Arlene J. Mulder, Mayor

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