

Proclamation

Polk County Board of County Commissioners

WHEREAS, more than 5700 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the U.S.; 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, it is imperative that employers, employees and the general public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace—wherever that workplace may be such as on the road, in the air, the classroom, the store, the plant or the office; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 4-10, 2008 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, 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 North American Occupational Safety and Health 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 7th occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the third annual Occupation Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of County Commissioners in regular session, duly assembled, does hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2008, as **North American Occupational Safety and Health Week** and May 7, 2008 as **Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day**.


Dated this 7th day of May, 2008.

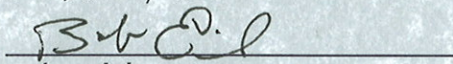
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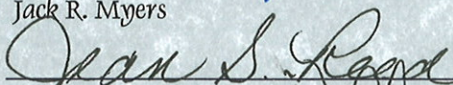
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Clerk of Courts

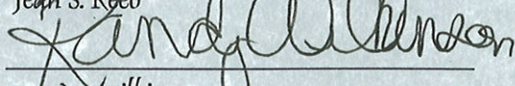



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