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PORTLAND

Whereas

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, everyday millions of people go to an 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 work places, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; 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, the more than 31,000 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, 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 retaining cost, 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, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2008 to be

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Tom Potter

