

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Everyday millions of people go to and return home from work safely due to the effort of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners who integrate safety into the business operation; and
- Whereas** According to the most recent statistics from the Bureau of Labor, there were 5,840 fatal work injuries in 2006; and
- Whereas** Effective management and implementation of workplace safety and health programs add significant value to individuals and companies by reducing the extent, severity and consequences of work-related injury and illness; and
- Whereas** Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to encourage employers, employees and the general public to be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace,

**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, to be

### MASSACHUSETTS OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-ninth day of April, in the year two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-first.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts