

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly 6000 people die from job-related injuries, never returning home from work, 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, health care 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 professional 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, it has been found that incorporating safety as a core value in a corporation not only increases workplace safety, but leads to major cost savings, projects being completed early and often under budget, quality products, and much more; 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; and

WHEREAS, the more than 32,000 members of the 98-year-old 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 3 – 9, 2009 North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize countrywide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers returning home injury and illness free each day to their families; 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 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home"; 5,488 workers lost their lives from on-the-job injuries in 2007 in the U.S. ; we want that number to be 0; and

WHEREAS, on May 6 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the fourth annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation and employee pride;

NOW, therefore, I, Brant Shallenburger, Mayor of the City of Claremore, do hereby:

- (1) Proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) and May 6, 2009 to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day
- (2) Commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment and commend those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies;
- (3) 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 6, 2009 for the annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day; and
- (4) Urge everyone to act responsibly and be safe at work.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Claremore to be affixed this 3rd day of April, 2009.



Brant Shallenburger, Mayor