

C O U N T Y O F H A W A I I

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 professionals; 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, the 204 members of the 58-year-old Hawai'i Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners and student section members committed to protecting people, property and the environment of our island community; 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 publics understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health; and

WHEREAS, the theme of NAOSH Week 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home"; 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Billy Kenoi, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 2009, as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

and May 6, 2009, as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY

in the County of Hawai'i and encourage all citizens to recognize the commitment of occupational safety and health professionals in their ongoing work to protect people, property, and the environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 8th day of May, 2009, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi
Mayor
County of Hawai'i