



# Proclamation

## Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS, more than 5700 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the United States; 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, 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 practitioners 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, more than 32,000 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 3-9, 2009, 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, on May 6, 2009, 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, DO I, Isiah Leggett as County Executive hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2009, as

### NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in Montgomery County. I encourage residents to recognize these professionals for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment.

*Isiah Leggett*  
County Executive



Signed this 3rd day of May in the year 2009.