



CITY OF ST. CLOUD
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

☞ 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 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, 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 the public's 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, 2009, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized in Washington, D.C. 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, Donna Hart, Mayor of St. Cloud, Florida, do hereby commend occupational safety practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people and the environment and commend those businesses that incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and cause this seal to be affixed.

Donna Hart

Attest: Leanda P. Jaworski

Date: 3/19/2009