



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

- WHEREAS: Nearly 6,000 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 United States; 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 work and return home safely due, in part, to the efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental professionals. These individuals work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and 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 other benefits; 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: 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, such as on the road or in the air, the classroom, the store, the plant or the office; now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, as OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK in Georgia and encourage all Georgians to support efforts to promote workplace safety.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
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