

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, safety and health hazards in the workplace include: contact with harmful chemicals, unsafe electrical outlets, fires, bacteria-related diseases, cuts, prolonged exposure to excessive heat or cold, and many more. They are extremely dangerous and often result in serious injuries, and in some cases, death; and
- WHEREAS, millions of people go to work and return home safely everyday, due in part to the efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners who work hard to identify hazards, implement safe practices, and prevent fatalities and illnesses in all industries and workplaces; and
- WHEREAS, members of the 93-year-old-non-profit organization, American Society of Safety Engineers, work to protect people, property, and the environment, everyday; and
- WHEREAS, it is imperative that employers, employees, and the general public are aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace, and understand the many procedures that make prevention possible; and
- WHEREAS, strictly following safety guidelines, minimizing possible workplace risk factors, and providing accessible, and thorough first aid kits for employees, are all ways citizens can cut down workplace injuries and hazards; and
- WHEREAS, during the week of May 2 through May 8, 2004, members of the American Society of Safety Engineers will work to raise public awareness on prevention and safety measures, and hope that their involvement will save lives;

THEREFORE, I, Rod Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2 - 8, 2004 as **NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to become cognizant of safety procedures in the workplace.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,  
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and  
FOUR, and of the State of Illinois  
the one hundred and EIGHTY-SIXTH



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Rod Blagojevich*  
GOVERNOR