

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK
MAY 1 - 7, 2005

- WHEREAS,** *Every day, millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many unsung heroes - 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,** *These occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, develop safer products and are committed to protecting people, property and the environment. The work of these professionals in the areas of safety and health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness programs contribute greatly to the improvement of overall employee health, increased productivity, reduction in health care costs, and yield significant return on investment for the employer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health and to demonstrate the positive impact integrating effective safety and health programs in the workplace and the community has on the economy and business, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The people of Maryland are proud to join in observing a special week in remembrance of those who lost their lives in workplace tragedies and to honor those that seek to prevent such tragedies from occurring.*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim** May 1- 7, 2005 as **NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK (NAOSH)** in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and five



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Michael S. Steele
Lt. Governor

R. Karl Fournier
Secretary of State