

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, every year more than 5,500 people die, 5,559 in 2003, from job-related injuries and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

Whereas, every day, millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many working 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; and

Whereas, 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 (NAOSHW) is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, 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 in all areas, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs; and

Whereas, during NAOSHW week and throughout the year members of ASSE, NAOSHW partners and other organizations will work to raise employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 – 7, 2005, as

**"North American Occupational Safety and Health Week"**

in the State of Oklahoma.

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



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ninety-seventh year.

M. Susan Harvey  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry  
GOVERNOR