



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, more than 5,500 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, each day, occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners identify hazards and implement safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces in an effort to eliminate fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners strive to prevent accidents, injuries and occupational diseases, to create safer work and leisure environments and to develop safer products to protect people and the workplace; 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 and to improve the overall health of the work environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago joins with the American Society of Safety Engineers, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other partners to celebrate North American Occupational Safety and Health Week from April 30 to May 6, 2006 and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day on May 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, these events will raise awareness and understanding of workplace safety and health concerns, provide valuable information and resources to decrease workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities, and pay tribute to those who lost their lives from on-the-job injuries and those who suffered injuries and illnesses last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 30 to May 6, 2006 to be NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK IN CHICAGO and May 3, 2006 to be OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize the importance of safety in the workplace.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2006.

Richard M. Daley
Mayor