

April 25, 2006

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year more than 5,500 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million 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 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 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 cost, and yield significant return on investment for the employer; and

WHEREAS, our society has long recognized that a safer and healthy workplace positively impacts employee morale, health, productivity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environment practitioners committed to protecting people, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week 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 processes in the workplace and in 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 processes; and

WHEREAS, during NAOSH week we remember those who lost their lives from on-the-job-injuries and the 4.3 million more who suffered injuries and illnesses last year; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 30 through May 6, 2006 and throughout the year ASSE, the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other NAOSH partners representing hundreds of thousands of people which include the Academy of Certified Hazardous Material Managers; AMEC Americas; the American Apparel and Footwear Association; the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses; the American Council of Independent Laboratories; the American Heart Association; the American Industrial Hygiene Association; the American National Standards Institute; the Association of Occupational Health Professionals; the Board of Certified Safety Professionals; the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Belt Partnership, the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair; the Flexographic Technical Association; the Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.; The Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association; the Integrated Waste Services Association; Johnson & Johnson; the National Federation of Independent Business; the National Hearing Conservation Association; the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association; the National Safety Council; the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety; the Precision Metal forming Association; the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association; the Shipbuilders Council of America; the Steel Group (American Iron and Steel Institute - AISI, Steel Manufacturers Association - SSINA, and the Specialty Steel Industry of North America); the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association; and the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPA, VPPA members include 1,400 companies and worksites) will work to raise employers', employees', and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in everyone's lives, and provide valuable information and resources aimed at decreasing workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 30 through May 6, 2006 as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week; commend occupation safety, health and environment practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment; and commend those business that encourages a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their key strategies;

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