

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, more than 3,300 people die from on-the-job injuries each year and 4.4 million more suffer occupational illnesses; therefore, the occupational safety, health and environmental professionals 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 contributes 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 American Society of Safety Engineers, in conjunction with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) partners including the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the Arkansas Department of Labor (ADOL), the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (AWCC), and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP), will work to raise employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in the nation's workforce while providing valuable resources aimed at decreasing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 nationwide members of the American Society of Safety Engineers serve as occupational safety, health and environmental professionals committed to protecting people, property and the environment while recognizing that a safe and healthy workplace positively impacts employee morale, health, productivity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers is actively promoting occupational safety, health, and environmental efforts to protect the citizens of the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of 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 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 millions more who suffered work related illnesses last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 6, 2006, as

NAOSH Week

in the State of Arkansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord 2006.


MIKE HUCKABEE, GOVERNOR


CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE

