



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*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, NAOSH partners represents hundreds of thousands of people and valuable organizations; 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 – individuals 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 and reduction in health care costs; and**

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

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

**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, 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;**

**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;**

**WHEREAS, the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA), whose members represent 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. We urge everyone to Be Safe At Work;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim**

**APRIL 30 TO MAY 6, 2006**

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**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK IN NEW JERSEY**

**and commend those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health..**

**GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty first day of April in the year two thousand six and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and thirtieth.**

**GOVERNOR**



**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

*Nina Mitchell Wells*

**NINA MITCHELL WELLS  
SECRETARY OF STATE**