

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** every year more than 5700 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** transportation accidents continue to be the number one cause of on-the-job deaths – overall in 2005 there were 6,159,000 transportation accidents resulting in a total of 43,433 deaths, 2.7 million injuries and costing society \$230.6 billion; 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,** it is imperative that employers, employees, and the general public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace – wherever that workplace may be such as on the road, in the air, on the battlefield, the plant or the office; and

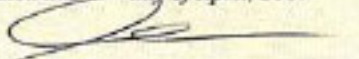
**WHEREAS,** the more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment.

Now, therefore, I, **ANTHONY W. ARREDIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES,** do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 - 12, 2007 as

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

And the American Society of Safety Engineers members and partners will be mobilizing in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the general public's understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007



Anthony W. Arredia, Mayor

