

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, more than 5700 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses – cost that take away from company profits; 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, the classroom, the store, the plant or the office; and

WHEREAS, the more than 31,000 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 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; encouraging safe practices.

Now, therefore, I, ANTHONY W. ARREDIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 – 10, 2008 as

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

“Safety is good business”

and commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment, commend businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies, and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to join and support activities aimed at increasing awareness of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace

Dated this 27th day of March, 2008


Anthony W. Arredia, Mayor

