

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor



- WHEREAS, More than 5600 people die from job-related injuries, 60,000 die from job-related diseases, and millions more incur occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, companies are paying \$155,000,000,000 to \$232,000,000 annually on workers compensation costs due to workplace injuries and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS, it has been found that incorporating safety as a core value in a corporation not only increases workplace safety, but leads to major cost savings, projects being completed early and often under budget, quality products and more; and
- WHEREAS, every day millions of people go to and return home from work safely and injury free 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, the theme of NAOSH Week 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home" - 5,488 workers lost their lives from on-the-job injuries in 2007 in the U.S. and never returned home; the goal is to make that number 0; and
- WHEREAS, on May 6 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people and communities safe, maintain and reduce costs, build an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation and employee and community pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Hall, Mayor of the City of Bakersfield, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, as

"North American Occupational Safety and Health Week"

and May 6, 2009, as

"Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day"

in our city, and commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment; commend those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies; encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace during the week of May 3 through May 9, 2009, and throughout the year; and urge all people of the United States to continue to act responsibly and to be safe at work so that the millions of people who go to work return home safely every day to their families and friends.

DATED, at Bakersfield, California, this 6th day of May, 2009.




Mayor of the City of Bakersfield