

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *nearly 6000 people die from job-related injuries, never returning home from work, 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 – costs 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 professionals– 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 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 much more; 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 32,000 members of the 98-year-old 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 mobilize in a country-wide effort to increase employers', employees' and the general public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers returning home injury and illness free each day to their families; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encouraging safe practices; 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; we want that number to be 0; and*

*WHEREAS, on May 6 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the fourth annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation and employee pride.*

*Now, therefore, I, ANTHONY W. ARREDIA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 – 9, 2009 as*

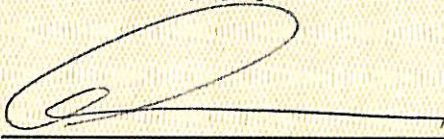
***NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK  
"Safety is good business"***

*and May 6, 2009 as*

***OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
PROFESSIONALS DAY***

*and commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment and 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 and to recognize the commitment of occupational safety and health professionals in their ongoing work to protect people, property and the environment.*

*Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009*



*Anthony W. Arredia, Mayor*

