

# Escambia County Proclamation

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**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, health care 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, in all industries and at all workplaces, identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/ association partners will mobilize countrywide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the 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 and encouraging safe practices; and

**WHEREAS**, this years' theme of "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week" 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home". Tragically, in the U.S. in 2007, 5,488 workers lost their lives from on-the-job injuries and never returned home – we want that number to be zero.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, does hereby proclaim the week of May 3-9, 2009, as

## **"NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK"**

and further proclaims May 6, 2009, as

## **"OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY"**

in Escambia County, and commends occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment.



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