

# PROCLAMATION

2009 - 48

**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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, during the week of May 3-9, 2009 North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, 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; 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, 2009, 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**, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida:

**Section 1.** Proclaims May 3-9, 2009 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, and May 6, 2009 to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.

**Section 2.** Commends occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment and commends those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies.


**Section 3.** Urges everyone to act responsibly and be safe at work.

**Section 4.** This Proclamation shall become effective upon adoption.

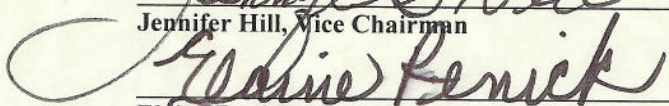
**DONE AND PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida in regular session this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hill, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elaine Renick, District 2

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2009, 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, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida:

**Section 1.** Proclaims May 3-9, 2009 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, and May 6, 2009 to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.

**Section 2.** Commends occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment and commends those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies.


**Section 3.** Urges everyone to act responsibly and be safe at work.

**Section 4.** This Proclamation shall become effective upon adoption.

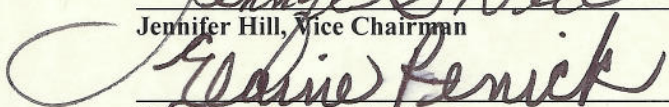
DONE AND PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida in regular session this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

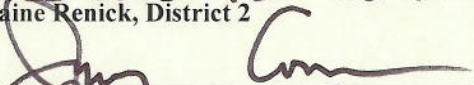


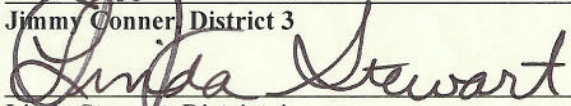
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Welton G. Cadwell, Chairman

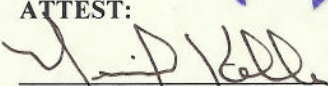
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hill, Vice Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elaine Renick, District 2

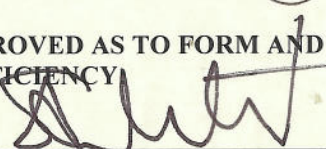
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Conner, District 3

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Stewart, District 4

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Kelly, Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners, Lake County, Florida

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL  
SUFFICIENCY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sanford A. Minkoff, County Attorney