

PROCLAMATION

- 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 United States; 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,** 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; 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; 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; 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,** all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees are encouraged 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
- WHEREAS,** the theme of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home," 5,488 workers lost their lives from on-the-job injuries in 2007 in the United States and never returned home; and
- WHEREAS,** during the week of **May 3 - May 9, 2009**, North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, 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; 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, I, DOUGLAS T. KINSON, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Maitland, Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 3 through May 9, 2009** as:

"NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK"

and **May 6, 2009**, as:

"OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY"

in the City of Maitland, Florida, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals, and to urge everyone to act responsibly and be safe at work.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Maitland, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine and of the founding of the City of Maitland, One Hundred Twenty Four.



DOUGLAS T. KINSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK