

Whereas

Whereas, more than 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, healthcare and illnesses — costs that take away from company profits; and

Whereas, everyday millions of people go to an return home from work safely 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, 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 be 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 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, Sam Adams, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009 to be

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week
in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

