

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, nearly 6,000 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

*W*HEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries, healthcare and illnesses; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, 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 stores, the plant or the office; and

*W*HEREAS, the more than 32,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers and its Nutmeg and Connecticut Valley Chapters are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

*W*HEREAS, the theme of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week 2009 is "Safety Always Means Coming Home" and will take place during the week of May 3 – 9, 2009, with May 6 as the fourth annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day; and

*W*HEREAS, during this week, the American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate 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 to their families injury and illness free each day; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; and to encourage safe practices; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of May 3 –9, 2009, as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK
and May 6, 2009, as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY
in the State of Connecticut. I commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor