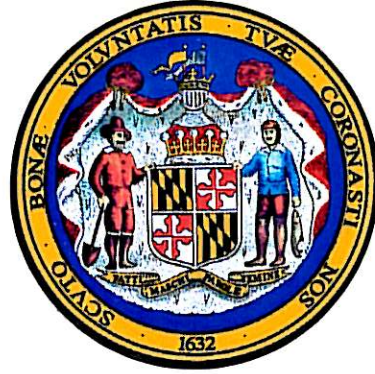


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK MAY 3-9, 2009

- WHEREAS,** *Roadway crashes and fatalities are at an all time high and transportation incidents continue to be the number one cause of on-the-job deaths each year in the United States. Out of 6,159,000 vehicle crashes in 2005, 43,443 people died and 2.7 million more were injured. Those accidents alone cost the U.S. 230.6 billion dollars in one year. In addition, every year more than 5,000 people die from job-related injuries and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every day, millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many unsung heroes - occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners who are committed to 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,** *The more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is proud to join the members of the American Society of Safety Engineers and other organizations in raising employers', employees' and the public's safety awareness in our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 3-9, 2009 as NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK AND MAY 7, 2009 as OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 4th day of May
Two Thousand
and nine

Handwritten signature of Martin O'Malley in black ink.
Governor

Handwritten signature of Robert Ehrlich in black ink.
Lt. Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe C. McPherson in black ink.
Secretary of State