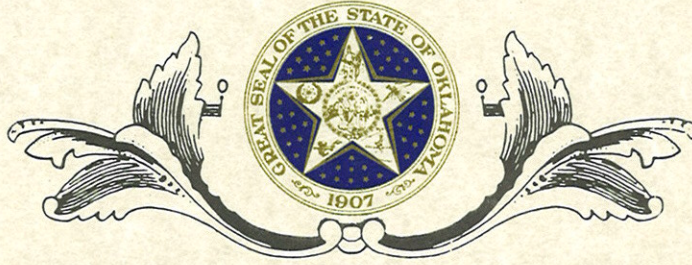


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, nearly 6,000 people die from job-related injuries, 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 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, during 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;

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009, as

“North American Occupational Safety and Health Week”

in the State of Oklahoma.
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 11th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred first year.

M. Susan Lovey
SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Henry
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: