

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Nearly 6,000 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses yearly in the U.S.; and businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs related to work injuries, health care and illnesses; 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 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

WHEREAS: It is imperative that employers, employees, and the public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace and the more than 32,000 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: 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 mobilize countrywide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health; and the theme of the week is "Safety Means Always Coming Home"; and

WHEREAS: On May 6 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the fourth annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day;

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 3-9, 2009** to be

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 13, 2009.



Handwritten signature of Theodore R. Kulongoski in black ink.

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Handwritten signature of Kate Brown in black ink.

Kate Brown, Secretary of State