

City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), established in 1911, and the 236 ASSE safety professionals in the Charlotte region, are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, ASSE urges employers to continue to invest in effect workplace safety programs as money cut from safety processes now can have an enormous cost later including higher injury and health care costs, fines, lost production time, employee morale, or employee injury or death; and

WHEREAS, nearly 6000 people died from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in today's economy where business are cutting back in many areas, including safety, indirect tangible costs of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from accident investigation, low employee morale, retraining workers, repairs and production delays, while the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend, and a co-worker go beyond a price tag; and

WHEREAS, in the recent past, businesses have spent about \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries, health care and illnesses and about \$1 billion every week to injured employees and their medical providers; and

WHEREAS, during May 2-8, 2010, 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 awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encourage safe practices; and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2010, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during 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, employee pride, and helping their communities; and

WHEREAS, occupational safety, health and environmental professionals work every day so that millions of people go to and leave work injury free, by identifying hazards and solutions, and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony R. Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as

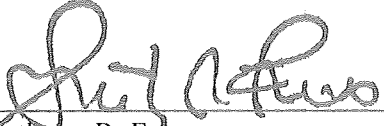
“NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK”

and May 5, 2010 as

“OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY”

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



Anthony R. Foxx
Mayor

