

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *nearly 6000 people died from job-related injuries, - 17 people a day, 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 and illnesses – costs that take away from company profits; and*

**WHEREAS,** *in today's economy where businesses are cutting back in many areas, including safety; and*

**WHEREAS,** *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 co-worker go beyond a price tag; and*

**WHEREAS,** *studies show that for every \$1 invested in a work safety and health program, \$3-6 are saved as injuries, illnesses and fatalities decline, medical costs and workers compensation costs decrease and productivity increases; 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 aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the more than 32,000 members of the 99-year-old American Society of Safety Engineers and occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment urge employers to continue to invest in effective workplace safety programs as money cut from safety processes now can have an enormous cost later – from higher injury and health care costs, fines, lost production time, employee morale, or worse of all, employee injury or death – the costs of cutting safety – both tangible and intangible – are too high and hard to recoup; and*

**WHEREAS,** *during the week of May 2 – 8, 2010, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize country wide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the public's awareness 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 to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and*

**WHEREAS,** *on May 5 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 and employee pride and helping their community. .*

*Now, therefore, I, MARTIN J. MOYLAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 – 8, 2010 as*

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK  
"Safety is good business"**

*and May 5, 2010 as*

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
PROFESSIONALS DAY**

*and commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property, and the environment and commend those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies; encourage all industries organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace and to recognize the commitment of occupational safety and health professionals in their ongoing work to protect people, property and the environment.*

*Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009*

  
Martin J. Moylan, Mayor

