



Proclamation

Know Ye:

- WHEREAS,** nearly 6000 people died from job-related injuries, 17 people a day, in the U.S. in 2008, and 4.4 million more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS,** to continue to keep workplace safety moving forward, as just a few decades ago, in 1933 it was reported that 17,000 people died from on-the-job injuries in the U.S., and, between 1906 and 1911, 13,228 miners died from on-the-job injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** in today's economy where businesses are cutting back in many areas, including safety; and
- WHEREAS,** businesses have spent about \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries, health care and illnesses – costs that take away from company profits, research and growth; and
- WHEREAS,** indirect tangible costs of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from low employee morale, retraining workers, repairs and production delays, while the intangible costs of losing a loved one 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, 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 American Society of Safety Engineers are 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; 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; 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.

Now, therefore,

I, Karen LeHeup-Smith, Mayor of the City of Eustis, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2010, to be **North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week** and May 5, 2010 to be **Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day** in the City of Eustis. We 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. We 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..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Eustis to be affixed, this 16th day of February 2010.


MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

