

Office of the Mayor

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Whereas:

Every year thousands of people die from job-related injuries and millions suffer from occupational injuries and illnesses, and

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

WHEREAS: *Each year businesses spend approximately \$172 billion on costs associated with occupational injuries, health care and illnesses and \$1 billion every week to injured employees and their medical providers, and*

WHEREAS: *These cost take away from company profits, research and growth - costs that continue to go up as cuts in safety are being made; and*

WHEREAS: *Indirect tangible cost of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from accident investigation, low employee morale, idling 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: *Studies show for every dollar invested in a work safety and health program \$3-4 dollars are saved as injuries, illnesses and fatalities decline, medical costs and worker 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 to eliminate workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and*

WHEREAS: *The American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment. They urge employers to continue to invest in effective workplace safety programs; 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, Donald E. Patterson, do hereby proclaim

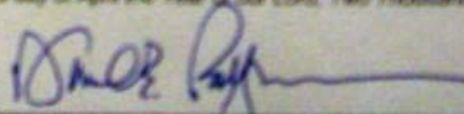
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NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

In the City of Kettering and on behalf of City Council, along with Montgomery County Water Services encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees 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 Kettering, Ohio, to be affixed this 22nd day of April the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



DONALD E. PATTERSON
Mayor of the City of Kettering, Ohio