

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** nearly 6000 people died from job related injuries in the United States in 2008, and 4.4 million more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS,** in today's economy, businesses are cutting back in many areas, including safety; and
- WHEREAS,** in the recent past, businesses have spent \$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 – costs that take away from company profits, research and growth – costs that continue to rise as cuts in safety are made; 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, retaining workers, and 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 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,** the focus of **North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) 2010** is **"Mission NAOSH 2010: Safe Workplaces."** NAOSH professionals are located worldwide to protect people, property and the environment. Millions of workers return home to their families each day injury and illness free, due, in part, to the commitment and work of occupational safety, health and environmental professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** during the week of **May 2 – 8, 2010, NAOSH Week**, the American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize country-wide in an effort to increase employer, employee, and public awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; to 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 (OSHP)** will be recognized for their positive contributions to workers, the public, and the safety and health profession;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS T. KINSON,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Maitland, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 2 – May 8, 2010** as:

## **"North American Occupational Safety and Health Week"**

and **May 5, 2010** as:

## **"Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day"**

in the City of Maitland, Florida, and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities 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 Maitland, Florida, to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and of the founding of the City of Maitland, One Hundred Twenty Five.

  
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**DOUGLAS T. KINSON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
  
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**MARIA WALDROP, CITY CLERK**