



Office of the
Orange County Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, occupational safety, health and environmental professionals identify hazards, determine solutions, and implement safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces that are aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses; and

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 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, 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, friend, or co-worker go beyond a price tag; and

WHEREAS, the more than 32,000 members of the 99-year-old American Society of Safety Engineers are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 2 through May 8, 2010, the members of the American Society of Safety Engineers 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; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2010, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized 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, Richard T. Crotty, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Orange County Mayor, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 through May 8, 2010 as

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

and Wednesday, May 5, 2010 as

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY

in Orange County, Florida and 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.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2nd day of May, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Crotty".

RICHARD T. CROTTY, ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

