

Proclamation

The City of Oviedo

Seminole County, Florida

WHEREAS, workplace safety is not just important for workers and companies, but for our communities and the economy as well; and

WHEREAS, the cost for not providing a safe workplace is reflected in much more than just an increase in workers' compensation, health care, production, human resource and training costs; and

WHEREAS, businesses, recently, 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. These are costs that take away from company profits, research and growth. These costs continue to go up as cuts in safety are being made; and

WHEREAS, the tangible costs of these injuries may be much more expensive than the direct costs and include costs from accident investigation, low employee morale, retraining workers, repairs and production delays. However, 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, 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 are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment and urge employers to continue to invest in effective workplace safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Safety Engineers members 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 to workers to raise awareness and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Andrews, Mayor of the City of Oviedo, Florida by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week


and May 5, 2010 as

Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day

in the City of Oviedo in recognition of this effort to protect people, property, and the environment and urge everyone to act responsibly and be safe at work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set me hand this 19th day of April, 2010.





For Mayor