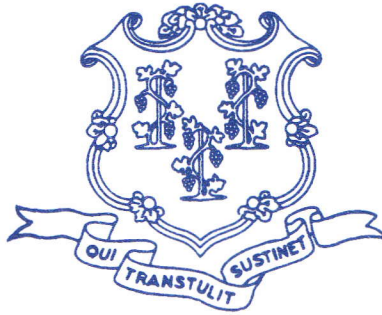


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, six workers lost their lives in a recent explosion at the Kleen Energy Plant in Middletown; and

WHEREAS, nearly 6,000 people die from job-related injuries (17 people a day in the U.S. in 2008) and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend billions of dollars a year on costs associated with occupational injuries, healthcare, and illnesses – costs that take away from company profits, research, and growth, costs that continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, studies show that for every one dollar invested in a work safety and health program, three to six dollars 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 to eliminate workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses 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; and

WHEREAS, the more than 32,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers and its Nutmeg and Connecticut Valley Chapters are occupational safety, health, and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 2 – 8, 2010, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, the American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize in an effort to increase employers', employees', and the public's awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers returning home safely each day to their families; to raise awareness of the role and contributions of safety, health, and environmental professionals; to encourage safe practices; and to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; now

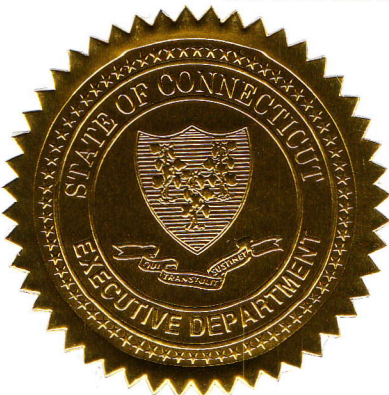
THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of May 2 – 8, 2010, as

**NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**

and May 5, 2010, as

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY**

in the State of Connecticut.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor