



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, job-related deaths, illnesses and injuries in the U.S. have declined significantly in recent years, with 5,200 deaths and 3.7 million injuries and illnesses reported in 2008; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, every day millions of people arrive and return from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners -- who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that employers, employees, and the general public be aware of the importance of preventing illness and injury in the workplace; and

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

WHEREAS, many citizens and organizations across the Sunshine State will be observing North American Occupational Safety and Health Week in an effort to increase awareness of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to showcase the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals, and encouraging safe practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2-8, 2010 as ***North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 6th day of May, in the year two thousand ten.



A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.

Governor