



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly 6,000 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 - costs that take away from research and business growth; 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, a friend or a coworker 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; and

WHEREAS, I commend occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners for their ongoing commitment to protecting people, property and the environment and recognize those businesses that encourage a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational safety and health into their business strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MAY 5, 2010

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY

in New Jersey 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.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this second day of May in the year two thousand ten, the two hundred thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Kim Guadagno

Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie

GOVERNOR