



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 4,300 people die from job-related injuries in the United States annually and 3.3 million more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, in the recent past, businesses have spent about \$1 billion per week on costs associated with occupational injuries, health care and 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 9, 2012

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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 twenty-sixth day of April in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.



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