

# Whereas

*Whereas*, the purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSHH) is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses; and

*Whereas*, during NAOSHH week we remember those who lost their lives from on-the-job injuries, and the 4.3 million more who suffered injuries and illnesses last year; and

*Whereas*, every year more than 5,500 people die from job-related injuries and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and

*Whereas*, occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, develop safer products and are committed to protecting people, property and the environment; and

*Whereas*, occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners contribute greatly to the improvement of overall employee health, increased productivity, reduction in health care costs, and yield significant returns on investment for employees; and

*Whereas*, the more than 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) are occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment;

*Now, therefore*, I, Tom Potter, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim April 30 - May 6, 2006 to be

*North American Occupational Safety and Health Week*  
in Portland and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of safety in the workplace.

*Tom Potter*

