

State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

AND

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, 4,405 people (or 12 people a day) died from job-related incidents in 2013, and millions more suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses with fewer than 500 employees represent the majority of the total businesses in the United States and create roughly two out of every three new jobs; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to help small businesses grow and succeed, during North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) members will be distributing important information to small businesses on how effective occupational safety and health efforts can help them move their businesses forward, contribute positively to the bottom line, and help protect their employees and property from risk; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, health care, and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, indirect tangible costs of injuries—including costs from accident investigation, insurance, retraining workers, repairs, medical and production delays—may be as much as 20 times the direct costs; however, the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend, or a co-worker are priceless; and

WHEREAS, a single slip or fall injury averages approximately \$25,000 in direct costs, and in order to maintain a 10 percent profit margin, it has been estimated that an additional \$250,000 in sales would be needed to make up for the direct costs of one incident; and

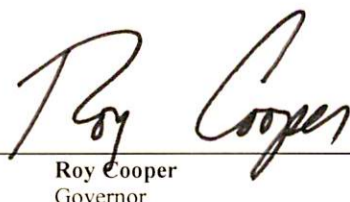
WHEREAS, occupational safety, health, and environmental professionals work around the clock so that millions of people leave their workplace injury and illness free to return home to their families and friends each day; and

WHEREAS, during NAOSH Week of May 7-13, 2017, ASSE members, OSHA, and corporate/association partners will mobilize in an effort to: increase employer, employee, and public awareness of the importance of being safe at work; raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health, and environmental professionals; encourage safe work practices; provide small businesses with occupational safety resources; and help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2017, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professionals (OSHP) Day for continuing to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their companies, preserving the good reputation of their companies, building employee pride, and helping their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, do hereby proclaim May 7 – 13, 2017, as “**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**” and May 10, 2017, as “**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.