



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the residents of the great State of New Jersey recognize the importance of a safe and healthy workplace; and

WHEREAS, more than 4,600 workers die from job-related injuries every year in the United States and millions more suffer from occupational illness and injuries, the majority of which are preventable; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion per year on the costs of the most disabling workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, by ensuring safer work environments, organizations can increase productivity and employee satisfaction, while also improving their reputation, lowering the amount of time lost, and lowering the costs of health-care and compensation for workers; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 7-13, North America Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other groups representing thousands of businesses will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of job-related safety and help companies and organizations enhance safe working environments; and

WHEREAS, May 10, 2017 shall mark the recognition of occupational safety and health professionals across the State who work tirelessly to protect people and property by advocating for safe and healthy working conditions;

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

MAY 7 THROUGH MAY 13, 2017

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in New Jersey and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers and employees to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of workplace safety and preventing job-related injury for all.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this tenth day of May in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR