



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The residents of Minnesota value safe and healthy workplaces for all; and
- WHEREAS: The majority of workplace injuries and fatalities are preventable; however, more than 4,800 workers die each year in the United States from job related injuries, and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS: Businesses spend \$62 billion per year on the costs associated with disabling workplace injuries tied to occupational injuries, health care, and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS: Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and better reputations, while recording less lost time and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs; and
- WHEREAS: During the week of May 7-13, 2017, North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and corporate/association partners representing thousands of businesses will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee, and public awareness of being safe at work to encourage safe practices 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 Professional Day for their commitment to protect people, property, and the environment at work and in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2017, as:

## NORTH AMERICA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE