

**City of St. Charles**  
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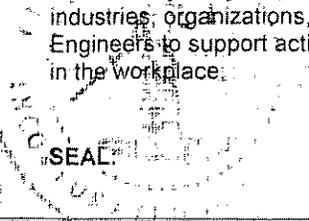
# Proclamation

## American Society of Safety Engineers' NAOSH Week/OSHP Day 2012

- WHEREAS** more than 4,500 people died from job-related injuries and millions more people suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and
- WHEREAS** small businesses with fewer than 500 employees represent about 99.9 percent of the total businesses in the U.S. and create roughly two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. today; and
- WHEREAS** in an effort to help small businesses grow and succeed, during NAOSH Week ASSE and its members will distribute 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, 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 indirect tangible costs of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from accident investigation, insurance, retraining workers, repairs, medical and production delays, while the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend and a co-worker go beyond a price tag; and
- WHEREAS** during the week of May 6-12, 2012, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and corporate/association partners will mobilize an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of being safe at work; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encourage safe practices; to provide small businesses with work safety resources; to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and
- WHEREAS** on May 9, 2012, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation, building employee pride, and helping their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, along with the St. Charles City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 6-12, 2012, to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) and Wednesday, May 9, 2012, to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day** and encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor



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