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WHEREAS: A productive, competitively skilled, and healthy workforce is necessary for the well-being of our society, and a job can be a

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valuable part of a young person's learning and development to help achieve both individual and community goals; and

WHEREAS: Our youth represent the future of our community, and together we have an obligation both to create employment opportunities

where young people can learn skill and habits essential for their careers and jobs that are also safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS: Every year approximately 77,000 teenagers in the United States are seriously injured on the job, some fatally, and many teens

will be heading into jobs this summer unaware of potential job hazards labor laws that protect youth or the need for work

permits; and

WHEREAS: The California Partnership for Young Workers' Health and Safety, representing government agencies, parent groups, teachers,

and employers, encourages teens, schools, families, and business to learn more about the importance of teen safety at work and

legal requirements that protect youth and prevent injuries;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ron Gonzales, Mayor of San José, together with Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez and along with my colleagues on the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as

SAFE JOBS FOR YOUTH MONTH

in San José and reaffirm our community's strong commitment to promoting the health, welfare, safety and education of our teen residents through programs and services that support the well-being of teen workers and safe workplaces.

The Honorable Ron Conzales

MAYOR

Cindy Chavez, Vice Mayor

Attested to by:

Lee Price, City Clerk