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## 2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

February 11, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives Kahl, Sinicki, Ripp, Spreitzer, Barnes, Mason, Shankland, Doyle, Johnson, Kolste, Sargent, Hesselbein, Riemer, Genrich, Danou, Brostoff, Subeck, Milroy, Hebl, Zepnick, Goyke, Ohnstad, Considine, Berceau, Jorgensen and Wachs, cosponsored by Senators Miller, Wirch, Carpenter, Hansen, Harris Dodd, Vinehout, Ringhand, C. Larson and L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

**Relating to:** proclaiming April 28, 2016, Workers' Memorial Day in Wisconsin. 1  $\mathbf{2}$ Whereas, Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28; and Whereas, it is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to 3 4 acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and 5 to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers; 6 and 7 Whereas, it is also the day the Occupational Safety and Health Administration 8 (OSHA) was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their 9 10 workers. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and 11 women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education, and 12 assistance; and 13 Whereas, events commemorating this day are being held across the nation and 14 throughout Wisconsin; and

Whereas, in 2014 alone, 97 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace: and

Whereas, of the 4,679 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2014, the highest
concentration occurred in two areas with 1,289 fatalities involving
$transportation-related\ occupations\ and\ 885\ fatalities\ in\ the\ construction\ trades\ and$
mining/extraction industry; and
Whereas, 211 police officers and fire fighters were killed in 2014 along with 253
fatalities that occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and
Whereas, nationwide every day the families of 13 workers are informed that
their loved ones were killed while at work and the rate of fatal injuries for U.S.
workers in 2014 was 3.3 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers; and
Whereas, the annual observance of Workers' Memorial Day on April 28
provides us with the opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those we
have lost and rededicate ourselves to efforts to make all workplaces safer; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
proclaims April 28, 2016, as Workers' Memorial Day and asks all Wisconsinites to
take time to reflect on the men and women we lost and to rededicate ourselves to
making workplaces safer; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

20 (END)