



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 21

April 8, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives KAHL, SINICKI, HEBL, JOHNSON, HESSELBEIN, MILROY, SHANKLAND, OHNSTAD, T. LARSON, SARGENT, BARCA, BERCEAU, BOWEN, KOLSTE, SUBECK, SPREITZER, RIEMER, ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, RIPP, GOYKE, WACHS and BROSTOFF, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, HANSEN, SHILLING, WIRCH, LASSA, RISSER, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR, ERPENBACH, CARPENTER and HARRIS DODD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming Workers' Memorial Day.

2 Whereas, Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28; and

3 Whereas, it is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to
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
9 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their
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 in Wisconsin events will be held in Madison, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin Dells; and

15 Whereas, in 2013 alone, 96 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace; and

1 Whereas, of the 4,405 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2013, the highest
2 concentration occurred in two areas with 831 fatalities involving
3 transportation-related occupations and 818 fatalities in the construction trades and
4 mining/extraction industry; and

5 Whereas, 247 police officers and fire fighters were killed in 2013 along with 225
6 fatalities that occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and

7 Whereas, nationwide every day the families of 12 workers are informed that
8 their loved ones were killed while at work and the rate of fatal injuries for U.S.
9 workers in 2013 was 3.2 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers; and

10 Whereas, the annual observance of Workers' Memorial Day on April 28
11 provides us with the opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those we
12 have lost and rededicate ourselves to efforts to make all workplaces safer; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
15 proclaims April 28, 2015, as Workers' Memorial Day and asks all Wisconsinites to
16 take time to reflect on the men and women we lost and to rededicate ourselves to
17 making workplaces safer; and, be it further

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

20

(END)