
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 699 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY PASHINSKI, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2018, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in memory of workers killed, injured and
3 disabled in the workplace and in recognition of the efforts
4 of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council.

5 WHEREAS, Every year in America, a great number of workers are
6 killed as a result of workplace injuries and occupational
7 diseases; and

8 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics has
9 reported that in 2016, more than 5,190 workers suffered fatal
10 injuries in the workplace and nearly 2.9 million individuals
11 suffered nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2015, 173 Pennsylvania workers lost their lives
13 due to fatal accidents in the workplace; and

14 WHEREAS, While the official "National Workers' Memorial Day"
15 is celebrated annually on April 28, the Greater Wilkes-Barre
16 Labor Council and other concerned residents are determined to
17 prevent these tragedies with a local observation of "National
18 Workers' Memorial Day" on April 26, 2018, as a day to remember
19 these victims of workplace injuries; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the local observance of this day, the
2 Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council renews efforts to seek
3 stronger safety and health protections, better standards and
4 enforcement and fair and just compensation, and improve the
5 health and safety of every American workplace; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
7 28, 2018, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania in memory
8 of workers killed, injured and disabled in the workplace and in
9 recognition of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council's efforts
10 and the 11th annual local "Workers' Memorial Day" program and
11 candlelight vigil service.