
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2016, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year on April 28, communities and worksites
4 around the world honor friends, family members and colleagues
5 who have been killed or injured on the job; and

6 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported
7 that in 2014, nearly 4,700 workers suffered fatal workplace
8 injuries and nearly 3.4 million workers suffered nonfatal work-
9 related injuries and illnesses, and experts estimate that at
10 least 50,000 deaths occur annually as a result of occupational
11 diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2014, 175 workers, up from 163 workers in 2012,
13 were lost through fatal workplace accidents in this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Fatal occupational injuries in this Commonwealth
16 have ranged from a high of 354 cases in 1994 to a low of 163
17 cases in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, the number of fatal workplace injuries
2 nationwide almost doubled for workers under 16 years of age, the
3 highest level since 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2012, the construction industry sector, including
5 specialty trade contractors, had the largest number of
6 fatalities in this Commonwealth, followed by the transportation
7 and warehousing sector and agricultural sector; and

8 WHEREAS, While news reports often focus our attention on
9 disastrous workplace events, most fatal accidents occur with
10 little public attention; and

11 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the memory of the
12 courageous and dedicated members of this Commonwealth's labor
13 force who have been injured, disabled or have died as a result
14 of workplace accidents; and

15 WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of this Commonwealth's
16 work force and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth
17 of our Commonwealth is necessary; and

18 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to call for vigilance and
19 increased safety in the workplace; and

20 WHEREAS, The Senate of Pennsylvania wishes to pay tribute to
21 workers who have died or who have been injured or disabled in
22 workplace accidents, to honor the contributions of this
23 Commonwealth's work force and to call for increased workplace
24 safety; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 28, 2016, as
26 "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.