RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION AND LOCAL DESIGNATION OF WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO

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

WHEREAS, In 2022, the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that 5,486 workers were killed by traumatic injuries on the job, a 5.7% increase from 2021. On average, a worker died nearly every 96 minutes from a work-related injury in 2022[1]; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, 139[2] workers' lives were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

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

WHEREAS, We remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council renews our efforts to seek stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every city workplace; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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[1] https://www.bls.gov/news.release/cfoi.nr0.htm
[2] https://www.bls.gov/iif/state-data/fatal-occupational-injuries-in-michigan-2022.htm

RESOLVED, By the Detroit City Council, that the members of this legislative body declare April 28, 2024, as Workers Memorial Day in the City of Detroit.