

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION AND LOCAL DESIGNATION OF WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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- WHEREAS,** On April 28th, 1971, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) went into effect, promising every worker the right to a safe job; and
- WHEREAS,** Every year on April 28th, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. Department of Labor, and the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Michiganders have died while on the job at an average rate of 147 people per year over the past decade¹; and
- WHEREAS,** The 2024 National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries found a worker died every 99 minutes from a work-related injury²; 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**
- RESOLVED,** By the Detroit City Council, that the members of this legislative body declare April 28, 2025 as Workers Memorial Day in the City of Detroit.

¹ <https://aficio.org/reports/dotj-20242>

² <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf>