

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 28, 2026 AS WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

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WHEREAS, On April 28, 1971, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) went into effect, affirming every worker the right to a safe job and healthy workplace; and

WHEREAS, Every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed, injured, or made ill 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 151 people per year over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries reported that a worker in the United States dies every 104 minutes from a work-related injury; 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 honors the memory of those who have lost their lives and recognize those who have 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; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED, By the City of Detroit, that the members of this legislative body hereby declares April 28, 2026, as Workers Memorial Day in the City of Detroit.