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**RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION AND LOCAL DESIGNATION OF WORKERS'
MEMORIAL DAY**

- WHEREAS,** On April 28, 1970, the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) was enacted because of the tireless efforts of labor leaders and workers who strived for safer working conditions for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Since 1989, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) has celebrated Workers' Memorial Day on April 28th to honor those who have been injured and killed due to dangerous working conditions, while continuing to work towards stronger safety and health protections in the workplace; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2021, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that 5,190 workers were killed by traumatic injuries on the job. On average, nearly 100 workers died every week, at roughly 14 workplace deaths a day; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2021, 140¹ workers 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 City Council of the City of Detroit 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 City Council of the City of Detroit renews its efforts to seek stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; thereby rededicating itself to improving safety and health in every workplace in the city; and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That April 28, 2023 shall be designated Workers' Memorial Day in Detroit and City Council encourages all residents to join in honoring those who have suffered and died on the job.

[1] <https://www.bls.gov/iif/state-data/fatal-occupational-injuries-in-michigan-2021.htm>