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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2005 as "Workplace Safety Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives considers the safety of  
4 the members of Pennsylvania's work force the highest priority;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Workers' Compensation of the  
7 Department of Labor and Industry reported 93,566 work injuries  
8 and illnesses and 130 work-related fatalities during 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, These findings represent a decrease from 2003, for  
10 which 99,161 work injuries and illnesses and 140 fatalities were  
11 reported; and

12 WHEREAS, Workplace injuries occur in inherently dangerous

1 enterprises such as construction, public utilities,  
2 transportation and manufacturing; and

3 WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
4 (OSHA) has reported that every year workplace deaths, illnesses  
5 and injuries cost the United States \$170 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, Studies and case histories indicate that for every  
7 \$1 invested in a safety and health program, \$4 to \$6 are saved  
8 because injuries, illnesses and fatalities decline, medical  
9 costs and workers' compensation costs decrease and productivity  
10 increases; and

11 WHEREAS, A decrease in job-related injuries will bring down  
12 insurance costs and lower insurance premiums; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of June 2005 as "Workplace Safety Month" to raise  
15 awareness of workplace safety and to strive toward keeping all  
16 work environments free from potential hazards to workers.