
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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

6 WHEREAS, In 2015, the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics
7 reported that more than 4,800 workers suffered fatal workplace
8 injuries, the highest rate since more than 5,200 fatal injuries
9 in 2008; and

10 WHEREAS, During 2015, more than 3 million nonfatal work-
11 related injuries and illnesses occurred; and

12 WHEREAS, During 2015, 173 workers lost their lives due to
13 workplace accidents in this Commonwealth, a decrease from 183
14 fatal workplace accidents in 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, Fatal occupational injuries in this Commonwealth

1 have ranged from a high of 354 in 1994 to a low of 168 in 2009;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 2015, the largest number of fatalities in this
4 Commonwealth occurred in the transportation and warehousing
5 sector, including the truck transportation sector; and

6 WHEREAS, The second largest number of fatalities in this
7 Commonwealth occurred in the construction industry, including
8 specialty trade contractors followed by the manufacturing
9 sectors; and

10 WHEREAS, While news reports often focus our attention on
11 disastrous workplace events, most of these workers die
12 individually with little public attention; and

13 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the memory of the
14 courageous and dedicated members of this Commonwealth's work
15 force who have been injured or disabled or who have died as a
16 result of workplace accidents or occupational diseases; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the integrity and
18 achievements of this Commonwealth's work force and the resulting
19 economic growth of our Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to call for vigilance and
21 increased safety in the workplace; and

22 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives desires to pay tribute
23 to workers who have been injured or disabled or who have died as
24 a result of workplace accidents or occupational diseases; and

25 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives wishes to honor the
26 contributions of this Commonwealth's work force and call for
27 increased workplace safety; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
29 28, 2017, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.