

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; observed annually on the anniversary of the creation of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Workers' Memorial Day recognizes and pays tribute to the memory of all workers who have died while on the job; and

*WHEREAS*; OSHA was established by the landmark Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which made it the responsibility of employers to maintain safe and healthy workplaces, created mandatory standards to ensure good working conditions, and committed to providing employers with training, education, and assistance to help them meet those standards; and

*WHEREAS*; despite advances in health and safety standards and enforcement over the past half-century, an average of 14 workers in the United States are killed while at work each day, making a total of 5,070 fatal work-related injuries in 2024, including 109 in Wisconsin, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); and

*WHEREAS*; the BLS further states that, on average, a worker died from a work-related injury every 104 minutes in 2024; and

*WHEREAS*; in 2024, the highest concentration of workplace fatalities occurred in the transportation and construction industries, accounting for 2,423 fatal work injuries nationwide, in addition to 281 fatalities among police officers and firefighters, and 248 fatalities among workers in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and

*WHEREAS*; all workers have the right to a safe and secure work environment and to be respected while on the job, and regardless of industry, the state of Wisconsin is committed to upholding the highest standards of workplace safety; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the state of Wisconsin joins workers, working families, and labor unions in honoring and remembering those who were killed or injured while on the job, and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the health and safety of all workers across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 28, 2026, as

### WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 20th day of April 2026.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State