

WHEREAS; observed annually on the anniversary of the creation of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Workers' Memorial Day is a day to recognize and pay 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, and is tasked with ensuring good working conditions by setting and enforcing standards, and by 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 15 workers in the United States are killed while at work each day; and

WHEREAS; the rate of fatal injuries for workers in the United States in 2019 was 3.5 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, and 113 Wisconsinites died in their workplace in 2019 alone; and

WHEREAS; in 2019, the highest concentration of workplace fatalities occurred in transportation-related occupations and the construction industry—accounting for over half of the 5,333 fatal work injuries nationwide—and 121 fatalities occurred among police officers and fire fighters, and 291 occurred among workers in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and

WHEREAS; this month, as we join workers, working families, and labor unions in celebrating the 50th anniversary of OSHA, the state of Wisconsin affirms its commitment to ensuring the health and safety of all workers in workplaces across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 28, 2021, as

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

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

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 14th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State