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2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 36

April 16, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SINICKI, EDMING, MILROY, CABRERA, MURSAU, BROSTOFF, VRUWINK, CABRAL-GUEVARA, OHNSTAD, THIESFELDT, DRAKE, HEBL, HORLACHER, KITCHENS, ORTIZ-VELEZ, DOYLE, NEUBAUER, HESSELBEIN, SHELTON, PETRYK, ANDERSON, BOWEN, SHANKLAND, MOORE OMOKUNDE, SPREITZER, S. RODRIGUEZ, ROZAR, CONLEY, EMERSON, VINING, BILLINGS, SNODGRASS, B. MEYERS, WITTKER, SPIROS, ARMSTRONG, VANDERMEER, CONSIDINE, RIEMER, SUBECK and BALDEH, cosponsored by Senators NASS, WIRCH, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH, MARKLEIN, RINGHAND, AGARD, JACQUE, L. TAYLOR, COWLES, ERPENBACH and PFAFF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** proclaiming April 28, 2021, as Workers' Memorial Day in Wisconsin.

2           Whereas, Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28, when  
3 events commemorating the day are held across the nation and throughout  
4 Wisconsin; and

5           Whereas, April 28 is a day to honor the memory of those workers who have died  
6 on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by their families and  
7 communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthy workplaces  
8 for all workers; and

9           Whereas, nationwide, every day the families of 14 workers on average are  
10 informed that their loved ones have been killed while at work; and

11           Whereas, in 2019 alone, 119 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace; and

12           Whereas, of the 5,333 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2019, the highest  
13 concentration occurred in transportation-related occupations with 2,122 fatalities,  
14 and in the construction industry with 1,061 fatalities; and

1           Whereas, in 2019, 121 fatalities occurred among police officers and fire fighters,  
2           and 291 fatalities occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and

3           Whereas, the rate of fatal injuries for U.S. workers in 2019 was 3.5 per 100,000  
4           full-time equivalent workers; and

5           Whereas, April 28 is also the date the federal Occupational Safety and Health  
6           Administration (OSHA) was established by the 1970 Occupational Safety and  
7           Health Act. Under the act, employers became responsible for providing safe and  
8           healthy workplaces for their workers; and

9           Whereas, the act directed OSHA to ensure these conditions for America's  
10          working men and women by setting and enforcing health and safety standards, and  
11          by providing training, education, and assistance to employers to help them meet  
12          these standards; now, therefore, be it

13                 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature  
14          proclaims April 28, 2021, as Workers' Memorial Day and asks all Wisconsinites to  
15          take time to reflect on the working women and men we have lost and to rededicate  
16          ourselves to making workplaces safer; and be it further

17                 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution  
18          to the Wisconsin Building Trades Council.

19   (END)