

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

April 8, 2021 - Introduced by Senators NASS, WIRCH, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH, MARKLEIN, RINGHAND, AGARD, JACQUE, L. TAYLOR, COWLES, ERPENBACH and PFAFF, cosponsored 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, WITTKE, SPIROS, ARMSTRONG, VANDERMEER, CONSIDINE, RIEMER and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming April 28, 2021, as Workers' Memorial Day in Wisconsin.
Whereas, Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28, when
events commemorating the day are held across the nation and throughout
Wisconsin; and
Whereas, April 28 is a day to honor the memory of those workers who have died
on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by their families and
communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthy workplaces
for all workers; and
Whereas, nationwide, every day the families of 14 workers on average are
informed that their loved ones have been killed while at work; and
Whereas, in 2019 alone, 119 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace; and
Whereas, of the 5,333 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2019, the highest
concentration occurred in transportation-related occupations with 2,122 fatalities,
and in the construction industry with 1,061 fatalities; and

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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 senate, the assembly 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	<i>Resolved, That</i> the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
18	the Wisconsin Building Trades Council.
19	(END)