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## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 20

April 2, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives SINICKI, EDMING, MILROY, KRUG, ROHRKASTE, SHANKLAND, MYERS, CONSIDINE, THIESFELDT, ANDERSON, KULP, SPIROS, SARGENT, MURPHY, PETRYK, NEUBAUER, CROWLEY, MURSAU, SPREITZER, EMERSON, WITTKE, OHNSTAD, SUBECK, POPE, VRUWINK and HESSELBEIN, cosponsored by Senators NASS, WIRCH, CARPENTER, JACQUE, COWLES, L. TAYLOR, HANSEN and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming April 28, 2019, Workers' Memorial Day in Wisconsin.

2       Whereas, Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28; and

3       Whereas, it is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to  
4 acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and  
5 to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers;  
6 and

7       Whereas, it is also the day the Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
8 (OSHA) was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of  
9 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their  
10 workers. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and  
11 women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, education, and  
12 assistance; and

13       Whereas, events commemorating this day are being held across the nation and  
14 throughout Wisconsin; and

15       Whereas, in 2017 alone, 106 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace; and

1           Whereas, of the 5,147 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2017, the highest  
2 concentration occurred in two areas, with 2,077 fatalities involving transportation-  
3 related occupations and 971 fatalities in the construction trades and mining  
4 extraction industry; and

5           Whereas, 152 police officers and fire fighters were killed in 2017 along with 264  
6 fatalities that occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and

7           Whereas, nationwide every day the families of 14 workers are informed that  
8 their loved ones were killed while at work, and the rate of fatal injuries for U.S.  
9 workers in 2017 was 3.5 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers; and

10           Whereas, the annual observance of Workers' Memorial Day on April 28  
11 provides us with the opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those we  
12 have lost and rededicate ourselves to efforts to make all workplaces safer; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature  
15 proclaims April 28, 2019, as Workers' Memorial Day and asks all Wisconsinites to  
16 take time to reflect on the men and women we have lost and to rededicate ourselves  
17 to making workplaces safer; and, be it further

18           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution  
19 to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

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(END)