



SPONSOR: Rep. Brady  
Reps. Keeley, Kowalko, Osienski

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 28

RECOGNIZING APRIL 28, 2018, AS WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY.

1 WHEREAS, on April 28, 2018, the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations  
2 (AFL-CIO) and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME), along with trade unions  
3 around the county and the world, will observe Workers Memorial Day; and

4 WHEREAS, this day has been set aside every year since 1989 to honor and remember workers killed or injured  
5 on the job, and to recommit to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all; and

6 WHEREAS, despite the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on April 28, 1971, and  
7 great strides made to protect workers in the years since, the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics show that 5,190 workers were  
8 killed on the job in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, and their allies will use this Workers' Memorial Day to:

10 1. Defend safety and health protections and workers' rights

11 2. Support the passage of the federal Protecting America's Workers Act to provide OSHA protection for millions  
12 of workers without it, stronger criminal and civil penalties for companies that seriously violate job safety laws, and  
13 improved anti-retaliation protections for workers who raise job safety concerns

14 3. Increase attention to the safety and health of Latino and immigrant workers who are at a much greater risk of  
15 death and injury

16 4. Ensure workers' right to have a voice on the job and to freely choose to form a union

17 5. Demand higher wages for workers;

18 NOW, THEREFORE:

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that  
20 we do hereby join with the AFL-CIO and AFSCME in observing April 28, 2018, as Workers' Memorial Day and  
21 remembering those who have suffered and died on the job.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the AFL-CIO and AFSCME in their ongoing efforts to protect  
23 workers from injury, death, and unsafe working conditions.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitably prepared copies of this resolution be presented to the AFL-CIO in  
25 care of Richard L. Trumka, President, 815 Sixteenth Street, N.W, Washington, DC 20006 and Cerron Cade, Secretary of  
26 Labor of the State of Delaware and Michael Begatto, Executive Director, Council 81 AFSCME, 91 Christiana Road, New  
27 Castle, DE 19720.

SYNOPSIS

This House Resolution recognizes April 28, 2018, as Workers Memorial Day.