
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2017, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN HAWAII
IN MEMORY OF WORKERS KILLED, INJURED, OR DISABLED ON THE
JOB.

1 WHEREAS, every year in America, thousands of workers are
2 killed as a result of workplace injuries and occupational
3 illnesses; and
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5 WHEREAS, since 1989, Workers' Memorial Day has been
6 observed throughout the world annually on April 28 to remember
7 workers killed, injured, or disabled as a result of their work;
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10 WHEREAS, April 28 was designated as Workers' Memorial Day
11 because it is the anniversary of the founding of the
12 Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 2015, according to the most recently available
15 data from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4,836 of
16 the nation's workers fell victim to fatal work injuries, while
17 approximately 2,900,000 nonfatal occupational injuries and
18 illnesses were reported by private industry employers
19 nationwide; and
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21 WHEREAS, in 2015, 18 Hawaii workers fell victim to fatal
22 work injuries; and
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24 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and pay tribute to the
25 courageous and dedicated members of Hawaii's labor force who
26 have been injured, disabled, or killed as a result of their
27 work; and



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1 WHEREAS, it is necessary to recognize the integrity of
 2 Hawaii's workforce and the workforce's contributions to economic
 3 growth; and

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 5 WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to pursue and call for
 6 increased workplace safety; now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 9 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 10 of 2017, that April 28, 2017, be designated as "Workers'
 11 Memorial Day" in Hawaii in memory of workers killed, injured, or
 12 disabled on the job; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
 16 Labor and Industrial Relations.

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