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SYNOPSIS

Designates April 18 of each year as “Worker Safety Day.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating April 18 of each year as
2 “Worker Safety Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Workers have a right to a safe environment that is free
5 from danger while at work; and

6 **WHEREAS**, There are almost 6,400 deaths worldwide each day from an
7 occupational accident or disease, which amounts to approximately
8 2.3 million deaths globally each year due to unsafe working
9 conditions; and

10 **WHEREAS**, More than 313 million workers globally suffer non-fatal
11 work injuries annually, which amounts to almost 860,000 people
12 suffering injuries every day; and

13 **WHEREAS**, There were 69 fatal work injuries in New Jersey in 2017
14 and thousands of other non-fatal injuries; and

15 **WHEREAS**, There are negative consequences for both workers and
16 employers when a worker sustains an injury at work; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Workers who are injured can suffer from loss of life, loss
18 of income, loss of job, stress on relationships, and increased health
19 care costs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Employers whose workers sustain injuries face difficulties
21 such as a reduction in productivity, increased workers’
22 compensation insurance costs, decline in worker morale, and
23 decline in product quality; and

24 **WHEREAS**, A safe and healthy workplace produces benefits for both
25 workers and employers such as better ability to attract and retain
26 quality employees, production of higher quality products and
27 services, and positive community relations; and

28 **WHEREAS**, It is important to raise public awareness about the
29 importance of worker safety so that employers and workers will
30 ensure that the workplace environment is safe and healthy; and

31 **WHEREAS**, By declaring April 18 of each year as “Worker Safety
32 Day,” the State of New Jersey encourages employers, workers,
33 government agencies, and communities to work together to ensure
34 that the workplace is safe and healthy; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
37 *State of New Jersey:*

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39 1. April 18 of each year is designated as “Worker Safety Day”
40 in New Jersey to increase public awareness of the importance of
41 worker safety and to encourage employers, workers, government
42 agencies, and communities to work together to ensure that the
43 workplace is safe and healthy.

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45 2. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation
46 calling upon public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to
47 observe “Worker Safety Day” with appropriate activities and
48 programs.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This joint resolution designates April 18 as “Worker Safety Day”
7 in New Jersey.

8 Workers have a right to a safe environment that is free from
9 danger while at work. Currently, there are almost 6,400 deaths
10 globally every day as a result of an occupational accident or
11 disease, which is almost 2.3 million deaths every year due to unsafe
12 working conditions. Additionally, 313 million people worldwide
13 suffer from non-fatal occupational injuries every year. In New
14 Jersey, there were approximately 101 fatal work injuries in 2016
15 and thousands of other non-fatal injuries.

16 Furthermore, there are negative consequences for both workers
17 and employers when a worker sustains an injury at work. Workers
18 who sustain occupational injuries face consequences such as loss of
19 life, loss of income, loss of career, and increased health care costs.
20 Employers must contend with difficulties such as a reduction in
21 productivity, increased workers’ compensation insurance costs,
22 decline in worker morale, and decline in product quality.

23 A safe and healthy workplace provides benefits to both workers
24 and employers. It is important to raise public awareness about the
25 importance of worker safety so that employers and workers will
26 ensure that the workplace is safe. By declaring April 18 to be
27 “Worker Safety Day,” the State of New Jersey encourages
28 employers, workers, government agencies, and communities to
29 work together to ensure that the workplace is safe and healthy.