

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 87

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 2020

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY S. VERRELLI**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle and Assemblyman Space**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2021)**

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

3

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,

35

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

38

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.

44

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.

2

3

4

STATEMENT

5

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.