



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota workers deserve to work in a safe and healthy environment; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry and Minnesota Department of Transportation work diligently to preserve and maintain the quality and safety of the state's workplaces and transportation system; and
- WHEREAS: From 2014-2018, more than 400 people working in Minnesota lost their lives on the job, including 3 police officers, 4 fire fighters, 2 state correctional officers, and 18 health care workers; and
- WHEREAS: Thirty-five MnDOT employees and fifteen contractors for MnDOT have lost their lives on the job since 1960; and
- WHEREAS: In the U.S., there are an average of 687 fatal crashes in a work zone which claim the lives of more than 750 people each year. An average of 135 of those deaths involve workers in the worker zone; and
- WHEREAS: From 2014-2018 in Minnesota, an average of 9 people died annually in work zone crashes and more than 2,200 fatal or serious injury crashes occurred each year; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1989, April 28 has been recognized locally and nationally as Worker Memorial Day by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Building Trades Unions, and the AFL-CIO in remembrance of workers who were injured or killed on the job; and
- WHEREAS: Continuing efforts are needed to improve traffic safety in highway work zones and at all work sites and to promote public awareness about the dangers of work zones and work site hazards. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility; and
- WHEREAS: Healthcare workers and first responders are risking themselves while saving countless lives every day in the fight against COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: Workers continue to put themselves at risk to deliver the essential goods and services Minnesotans depend on; and
- WHEREAS: Workers should have the freedom report unsafe working conditions without fear of retaliation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 28, 2020, as:

WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Simon

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of April.

T. J. Walz

GOVERNOR

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon