

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 28, 2019 AS NATIONAL
WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

APRIL 17, 2019

Introduced by the Information Technology & Communication Committee

Commissioner Haskell moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre.

WHEREAS, On December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which went into effect on April 28, 1971; and

WHEREAS, April 28 is also the day OSHA first opened its doors in 1971, after Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and American workplaces have become much safer in the decades since; however one life lost is one too many; and

WHEREAS, Despite the OSHA Act, intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requiring employers to provide safe conditions, thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands more workers are permanently disabled, injured or made ill; and

WHEREAS, All employers, including local governments, are urged to dedicate their efforts to improving workplace safety and seeking stronger health standards enforcement, and to treating workers with dignity as we all pursue constant improvements in worker safety; and

WHEREAS, Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every American workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, April 28, 2019, as *WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY* in Eaton County and ask all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured and disabled on the job, thank them for their service and offer sympathy to their families and loved ones and to respect today's workers by providing safe workplaces. Carried.