

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE NATIONAL WORKERS'  
MEMORIAL DAY  
APRIL 20, 2022**

**Introduced by Commissioner Brehler**

Commissioner Brehler moved to approve the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 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 unanimously.