



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: Thirty-five MnDOT employees and sixteen contractors for MnDOT have lost their lives on the job since 1960; and
- WHEREAS: In the U.S., there were 762 fatal crashes in a work zone in 2019, which claimed the lives of 842 people. Of those deaths, 135 were people working in the work zone; 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 worksites and to promote public awareness about the dangers of work zones and worksite hazards. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 28, 2022, as:

WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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 18th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimm".

SECRETARY OF STATE