



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: In the past four years, there have been 45 fatalities and 6,911 crashes involving citizens in work zones, and in the past year 41 wage-and-salary workers have lost their lives in Minnesota workplaces; and
- WHEREAS: Thirty-three highway workers have lost their lives on the job since 1960, while each year in Minnesota, 14 construction workers lose their lives on the job; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1989, April 28th has been recognized nationally and locally by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employers (AFSCME), Building Trades Unions, and the AFL-CIO as Workers Memorial Day in remembrance of workers who have been injured or killed on the job; and
- WHEREAS: Continuing efforts are needed to improve safety in highway work zones and at all worksites and promote public awareness about the dangers of work zones and worksite hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2011 to be:

WORKERS 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 22nd day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE