

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 systems; and

WHEREAS:

There are approximately are seventy work zone crashes that result in at least one injury

every day in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

There are approximately are twelve work zone crashes each week that result in at least

one fatality in the United States; and

WHEREAS:

Over the past four years in Minnesota, an average of seven people died in work zone crashes, and more than 1,700 fatal or serious injury crashes occurred each year; and

WHEREAS:

Thirty-five MnDOT employees have lost their lives on the job since 1960; and

WHEREAS:

Since 1989, April 28th has been recognized locally and nationally by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employers (AFSCME), Building Trades Unions, and the AFL-CIO as Workers Memorial Day in rememberance 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 to promote public awareness about the dangers of work zones and

worksite hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 28, 2018, 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 24th day of April.

GOVERNOR