

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Workers' Memorial Day takes place annually on April 28th and is a day of remembrance for those who have been killed, injured, or disabled while at work and serves as a rally to "remember the dead, but fight for the living;" and*

WHEREAS, *in 1971, the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect with the intent to "assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the Nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources;" and*

WHEREAS, *over the past four decades, great progress has been made, but there is still much to be done in order to guarantee that all employees have the right to bargain for fairer and safer workplaces; many job hazards are unregulated and uncontrolled with some employers cutting corners and violating the law, which puts workers in serious danger and costs lives; workers who report job hazards or job injuries are often fired or disciplined; as a result, each year thousands of workers are killed and millions more injured or diseased because of their jobs; and*

WHEREAS, *across the United States, more than 8 million state and local public employees lack OSHA protections while they face a 58% higher injury and illness rate than private-sector workers; and*

WHEREAS, *American Labor Unions have been vital in leading the fight to ensure that good jobs are available in this country that are safe and healthy and to ensure the freedom of workers to form unions and, through their unions, to speak out and bargain for respect and a better future; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County believes that all citizens should be protected in the workplace and will continue to stand up for the rights of employees to fulfill the promise of safe jobs for all.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2015 as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Allegheny County and urge all residents to honor this day of remembrance and action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 28th day of April, 2015.

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