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Commissioners Proclaim Workers Memorial Day in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, April 25, 2024– At today’s Commissioner’s meeting, the Board of Lake County Commissioners proclaimed April 28, 2024, as Workers Memorial Day to mourn workers who have lost their lives on the job and recognize the impact these tragic losses have on families, coworkers and communities.

“I sincerely appreciate the Lake County Commissioner’s Office for their recognition of Workers Memorial Day and the importance of safety and health for all workers. People value safety and health for themselves and their families. It really is—and should be—a fundamental value to people everywhere. A disabling injury or death of a family member at work significantly impacts families and changes lives. At OSHA [Occupational Safety and Health Administration], we want to see every business make health and safety a core value so all workers can go home safe each day,” said OSHA Area Director, Howard Eberts.

Private industry employers reported 2.6 million non-fatal workplace injuries and illnesses, and close to 880,000 injury and illness cases were reported among state and local government workers. Work injuries involving transportation incidents were the most common fatal events in 2021, accounting for over 38.2% of deaths.

“On Workers Memorial Day, we join to remember those who lost their lives while on the job, and to support those left behind, who are mourning each loss. We have to work together to create a safer work environment for all,” said Commission President John T. Plecnik.

“We urge all employers, including local governments, to dedicate their efforts to improve workplace safety, seek stronger health standards enforcement, and to treat workers with dignity as we pursue all constant improvements in worker safety,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

“On Workers Memorial Day, we honor the men and women who have lost their lives on the job and rededicate ourselves to ensuring that every worker comes home safely at the end of the day,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.



From the left: Commissioner John T. Plecnik, OSHA Industrial Hygienist Kayla Flowers, Commissioners Richard J. Regovich, John R. Hamercheck.

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