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Proclamation of April 28, 2023 as Workers Memorial Day PROCLAMATION WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that 5,190 workers were killed by traumatic injuries on the job. On average, nearly 100 workers died every week, at roughly 14 workplace deaths a day; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 140 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor renews our efforts to seek stronger workplace safety and health

protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every city workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, Workers Memorial Day in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and urge all citizens to recognize and honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety standards.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 17th day of April 2023
Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor