

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Assemblymen Koivisto, Allen, Anderson, Angle, Arberry Jr., Atkinson, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hettrick, Hogan, Holcomb, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Munford, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley, Smith and Weber

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Since 1989, April 28 has been observed as Workers Memorial Day by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and the day has been recognized internationally since 1996 when a Global Union delegation lit a commemoration candle at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to highlight the plight of workers who die, are injured or become ill on the job; and

WHEREAS, This date is significant in that it is the anniversary of the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and trade unionists in nearly 100 countries around the world now mark April 28 as an “International Day of Mourning”; and

WHEREAS, Workers Memorial Day is not only a day on which to remember the workers who have succumbed to an occupational disease or been injured or killed on the job, but a time to renew the commitment to prevent these tragedies from occurring in the future by supporting needed protections and defending the promise of safe jobs for all workers; and

WHEREAS, The theme for Workers Memorial Day for this year is “Good Jobs, Safe Jobs: Protect Workers Now”; and

WHEREAS, Decades of struggle by workers and their unions has resulted in significant improvements in working conditions, but the toll of workplace injuries, illness and deaths remains too high, with statistics showing that in 2003 alone, more than 4.3 million workers were injured, and 5,559 workers died as a result of job hazards and another 60,000 died from occupational diseases; and

WHEREAS, Too often these tragedies and the devastation they cause for the workers, their families and their coworkers are quickly forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby designates April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial Day, a day to honor and remember the workers who have succumbed to occupational diseases or been injured or killed as a result of work-related accidents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are hereby urged to observe this day by recognizing the need for strengthening safety and health protections in the workplace so that future workplace tragedies can be prevented.