Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: On December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which went into effect on April 28, 1971. Since 1989, community workers and local government leaders have gathered on April 28 to commemorate those who have lost their lives working to provide a good standard of living for their families and communities; and

Whereas: Despite the OSHA Act, intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requiring employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year. Tens of thousands more workers are permanently disabled. Millions are injured or made ill; and

Whereas: Concerned Americans are determined to prevent these tragedies. All employers, including local governments, are urged to dedicate their efforts to improving workplace safety and seeking stronger health standards enforcement, and to treating workers with dignity as we all pursue constant improvements in worker safety; and

Whereas: Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every American workplace.

Now, Therefore: I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, April 28, 2012, as:

"WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY"

in the City of Akron and ask all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured and disabled on the job, thank them for their service and offer sympathy to their families and loved ones and to respect today's workers by providing safe workplaces.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 20th day of April, 2012.

Mayor
City of Akron