

# COUNTY OF WILL Executive Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, on December 28, 1970, President Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went into effect on April 28, 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, OSHA was intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requiring employers to provide safe conditions. However, tens of thousands of American workers continue to be killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year and tens of thousands more are permanently disabled, injured, or made ill; and

**WHEREAS**, various organizations in Will County, such as the Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association, are determined to prevent these tragedies and are actively working to improve workplace safety, seek stronger health standard enforcement, and advocate for employers to treat workers with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are pursued; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 1989, workers and local leaders have gathered on April 28<sup>th</sup> to commemorate those who have lost their lives working to provide a good standard of living for their families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans can help raise awareness for workplace safety by observing Workers' Memorial Day, remembering those victims of workplace injuries and disease, and rededicating efforts to improve safety and health in every American workplace.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, do hereby recognize April 28, 2024, as Workers' Memorial Day in honor of workers injured, killed, or disabled in the workplace.

**OFFERED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.**



  
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant  
Will County Executive