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WISCONSIN BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL APPLAUDS LEGISLATURE'S UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

(MADISON, Wis.) – April 28 is internationally recognized as Workers' Memorial Day, a day to honor workers who were injured or lost their lives on the job. Yesterday, the Senate and the Assembly unanimously passed [Joint Resolution 20](#), declaring April 28, 2019, as Wisconsin Workers' Memorial Day.

The proclamation language “asks all Wisconsinites to take time to reflect on the men and women we have lost and to rededicate ourselves to making workplaces safer.”

“Construction is the second-most dangerous occupation, and it’s incredibly moving that the legislature recognizes the sacrifices that construction workers and their families make in the interest of improving our communities’ infrastructure,” said Dave Branson, president of Wisconsin Building Trades Council (WBTC).

Nationwide in 2017 -- the most recent OSHA statistics -- there were 971 fatalities in the construction trades and mining extraction industry. In Wisconsin, 106 workers died on the job, and many of those fatalities were construction workers.

Annually, WBTC hosts a Construction Workers' Memorial. Branson said, “We invite all working families and their supporters to join us in Madison on April 25 in remembrance of our fallen brothers and sisters who have helped build this great state and who have sacrificed mightily in that quest.”

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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' MEMORIAL

April 25th, 2019 • 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church

404 E. Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Before the service, we invite construction workers, family members and friends to participate in a **Hard Hat Processional** from the Monona Terrace to the Church. Line-up will be at 3:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Building Trades Council is comprised of 15 Building Trades International unions and represents 40,000 building trades members in the state and is committed to building a skilled workforce for a growing Wisconsin.