PROCLAMATION

The workers who grow our food, catch our fish, transport our goods, maintain our roads and extract raw materials from the earth risk their lives every day. While we fittingly set aside a number of special days each year to honor those who have fallen while defending our country or protecting our communities, today is a day to remember those who have lost life or health as a result of their work in any occupation.

Worldwide, an estimated two million people die each year from work-related accidents and illnesses. In California, 339 workers lost their lives in 2012. Today, let us express our gratitude to the workers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and rededicate ourselves to the cause of establishing and maintaining safeguards against workplace illness and injury.

NOW THEREFORE I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2014, as “Workers Memorial Day.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 25th day of April 2014.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State