

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, Boschee, Pollert

Senators Heckaman, Klein, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution to recognize Monday, March 4, 2019, as "North Dakota Workforce  
2 Safety and Insurance Day" and to congratulate Workforce Safety and Insurance on its 100<sup>th</sup>  
3 anniversary.

4 **WHEREAS**, on this day in 1919, the then known Workmen's Compensation Bureau was  
5 established by the 16<sup>th</sup> North Dakota Legislative Assembly under House Bill No. 56 (1919) with  
6 a comprehensive set of workers compensation laws designed to provide a safety net for  
7 employees hurt on the job in North Dakota; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this event signifies Workforce Safety and Insurance as providing sure and  
9 certain relief to injured employees and their families for 100 years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is just one of four states in the country to have this exclusive  
11 arrangement with its citizens; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Workforce Safety and Insurance is funded solely by employer premiums and  
13 receives no general fund tax dollars; and

14 **WHEREAS**, we recognize the many Legislative Assemblies and citizen-led efforts that  
15 improved the workers' compensation system in North Dakota and provided support for  
16 Workforce Safety and Insurance during its 100-year history; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Workforce Safety and Insurance is known nationally as a state program with  
18 favorable benefits for injured workers, fair reimbursements for medical providers, and the lowest  
19 premiums in the country for employers; and

20 **WHEREAS**, since 2005, due to favorable fund investment results, Workforce Safety and  
21 Insurance has returned more than \$1.25 billion to North Dakota employers through premium  
22 dividends; and

23 **WHEREAS**, we honor the memory of many Workforce Safety and Insurance employees,  
24 board members, injured employees and their families, employers, and medical providers who  
25 have helped shape and expand the benefits, safety services, and programs offered by

1 Workforce Safety and Insurance; and further thank Workforce Safety and Insurance's current  
2 employees for their ongoing dedication and contributions to fulfill their mission "to care for  
3 injured workers";

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**  
5 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

6 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes March 4, 2019, as "North Dakota  
7 Workforce Safety and Insurance Day"; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all citizens of North Dakota are urged to take  
9 cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
11 to the Governor, members of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors, and  
12 members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.