

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030
(Representatives Keiser, Boschee, Pollert)
(Senators Heckaman, Klein, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution to recognize Monday, March 4, 2019, as "North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance Day" and to congratulate Workforce Safety and Insurance on its 100th anniversary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of many Workforce Safety and Insurance employees, board members, injured employees and their families, employers, and medical providers who have helped shape and expand the benefits, safety services, and programs offered by Workforce Safety and Insurance; and further thank Workforce Safety and Insurance's current employees for their ongoing dedication and contributions to fulfill their mission "to care for injured workers";

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate