MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 40

Offered by Senator Camilleri

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 1, 2025, AS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

WHEREAS, May 1 is globally recognized as International Workers' Day and is publicly celebrated in over 80 countries; and

WHEREAS, This day celebrates the contribution of workers, promotes workers' rights, and commemorates the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labor movement; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, it commemorates the events of the Haymarket Affair and the associated general strike, which led to the establishment of an important day of remembrance and a long-lasting call to action; and

WHEREAS, International Workers' Day is the declaration of the labor movement's demands to improve the working conditions of workers, such as better pay, shorter working days, and safer worker conditions; and

WHEREAS, We honor the bitter struggles of the working class and the many sufferings of the past; and

WHEREAS, The United Auto Workers was formed in Detroit in 1935 during the Flint Sit-Down Strike, putting Michigan at the forefront of the modern labor movement as America struggled with the distress of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Michigan continues its legacy as a leader in the national labor movement and its efforts to bring economic and social justice to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements is important in advancing our economic growth; and

WHEREAS, We renew our efforts to improve working conditions, including workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 1, 2025, as International Workers' Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we respect and highlight the contributions of Michigan's workforce to our state and all of society.

Adopted by the Senate, May 1, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate