

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Senator Camilleri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 1, 2025, as International
2 Workers' Day.

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

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

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

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

1 conditions; and

2 Whereas, We honor the bitter struggles of the working class
3 and the many sufferings of the past; and

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

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

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

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

18 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
19 body recognize May 1, 2025, as International Workers' Day; and be
20 it further

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