

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
WASHINGTON**



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 some 5,500 workers died on the job in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 50,000 workers die from occupational diseases every year; and

**WHEREAS**, millions more are injured on job sites every year; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, serious injuries on the job have, in addition to the physical toll, an economic cost estimated at \$20 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, in Washington state alone, there were 80 job-related deaths last year; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County is dedicated to continuing efforts to improve workplace safety, health standards and enforcement, and we urge employers everywhere to treat our workers with dignity and justice and to pursue constant improvements in worker safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, ask all of our citizens to help prevent and avoid future tragedies by remembering the victims of workplace injuries and disease at this Workers Memorial event held by the unions of Snohomish County, and further, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 28, 2009, as

**Workers Memorial Day in Snohomish County**

Signed this 22nd day of April, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Aaron G. Reardon  
Snohomish County Executive