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# The Governor

## Executive Order MW-22

WHEREAS, Texas has one of the worst work-related disease, injury, and fatality records in the nation;

WHEREAS, accident prevention and health measures, when effectively administered by management, can reduce job injuries by more than 50%;

WHEREAS, the lack of data on work-related diseases, injuries, and fatalities precludes the development of a statistical basis to implement safety programs reducing injury on the job;

WHEREAS, the lack of a comprehensive job safety program increases the cost of workers' compensation, places an unnecessary burden on injured workers and their families, and decreases job productivity and increases job stress;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas does not fund any safety programs to reduce work-related injury;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark White, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby resolve that a Job Injury Interagency Council be established and charged with:

- (1) determining the role of the state in preventing work-related injuries and reducing the cost thereof to employers and employees; and
- (2) determining whether the State of Texas should participate fully in the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Survey, Statistics Supplementary Data System, and Work Injury Report survey; and
- (3) determining what data now collected by the state, the federal government, or the private sector would be useful in preventing injury.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an advisory committee be established and charged with assisting the council in its deliberations.

Members of the advisory committee will serve without pay, but may receive travel and per diem at the same rates as provided to members of statutory boards and commissions under the general appropriations act.

This executive order shall be effective May 17, 1984, and shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on May 17, 1984.

*Mark White*  
Governor of Texas