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MEMPHIS BRANCH NAACP HOLDS WORKER'S MEMORIAL DAY NEWS CONFERENCE

(April 28, 2017– Memphis, TENN) Today, during a news conference led by the Memphis Branch NAACP, attention was brought to the nationally recognized Worker's Memorial Day. It is also the day OSHA was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their workers.

"This day is an opportunity to honor those workers who have died on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers," said Kermit Moore, Chair of the Labor and Industry Committee.

According to the NAACP and the annual report provided by the AFL-CIO, during 2015, more than 4,836 workers were killed nationwide on the job with 112 of those accidents in Tennessee.

"We have to demand more," said Memphis Branch NAACP President Deidre Malone. "We must have safer working conditions for workers, a recommitment by the American people to keep our workers safe and common sense legislation that will ensure that when we leave our homes to go to work daily, we will be protected under the law."

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About the Memphis Branch NAACP:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest civil rights organization, and the Memphis Branch NAACP is the largest branch of the organization in the United States. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. During the entire year of 2017, the Memphis Branch NAACP is celebrating 100 years of service to the community.

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