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Advancing the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace

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## IOSHA CELEBRATES 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**INDIANAPOLIS** (September 26, 2016) – Today, the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) celebrates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of state plan certification status and three decades of improvement in Hoosier workplace safety and health. Indiana is one of 22 states and jurisdictions with its own occupational safety and health programs for both public and private sectors within state borders.

The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) celebrated the anniversary with guests from various cooperative programs and working relationships, including federal OSHA, labor unions, cooperative partnerships and alliances, the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP), and more.

Commissioner of Labor Rick J. Ruble recognized former Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of Labor.

“Today we celebrate IOSHA’s history, which undoubtedly means we recognize those who’ve helped us get where we are today. The former commissioners and deputy commissioners worked hard and carried great responsibility to lead IOSHA and the rest of the Indiana Department of Labor. I’d like to thank them for their contributions to the state of Indiana and Hoosier occupational safety and health,” said Commissioner Ruble.

Deputy Commissioner of IOSHA Timothy E. Maley spoke about the history of occupational safety and health and the achievements of Indiana’s compliance officers.

“Everything we accomplish can be sourced to the hard work and dedication of our compliance officers, supervisors, support staff, and all of our wonderful IOSHA team,” said Maley. “Of course, they don’t do it alone. The entire Indiana Department of Labor supports IOSHA.”

Assistant Commissioner of Labor Michelle L. Ellison presented a proclamation from Governor Mike Pence officially naming September 26, 2016, as “Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration Day.” Additionally, executive staff recognized IDOL employees of 30-plus years – those who worked with the agency when Indiana’s state plan received final approval in 1986.

IOSHA's success is in large part due to the involvement and support of its partners, safety directors, Special Government Employees, managers, site contacts, and others throughout Indiana.

“IOSHA is successful, not only because of the hard work of our staff, but because our partners are involved and take a proactive approach to make employee wellbeing a priority,” said Maley. “Thank you for making Indiana a safe and healthy place to work.”

**About Indiana's State Plan:**

As an OSHA-approved state plan, working Hoosiers and business owners have more direct access and effect on the labor laws that control their well-being and prosperity. Indiana, like other state plans, has region-specific needs and a variety of occupations unique to its citizens. Functioning as a state plan means the IOSHA program can more readily serve farmers, transportation companies, manufacturing, and other Hoosier specialties.

**About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook: [facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

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