



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Citation

Whereas, on March 25, 1911, a tragic fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City killed 146 workers, and as a result came some of the most sweeping changes to working conditions ever enacted by a state government; and

Whereas, the New York's Factory Investigation Commission, which emerged as a result of the fire, prompted New York's lawmakers to act on behalf of our most vulnerable workers; and

Whereas, laws were passed that were considered revolutionary at the time, becoming the foundation for modern labor laws, and establishing the New York State Insurance Fund in 1914; and

Whereas, in 1950, the law was extended to coverage for off-the-job injury and illness with passage of the New York State Disability Benefits Law, creating NYSIF's second line of insurance; and

Whereas, NYSIF has supplied a market for entire industries unable to insure elsewhere, including dust diseases, occupational hearing loss, asbestos abatement, roofing, window washers, scrap iron and steel companies, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers; and

Whereas, NYSIF has supplied uninterrupted insurance for more employers, claimants and beneficiaries than any other workers' compensation carrier in the Empire State; and

Whereas, for 100 years, NYSIF has served as a stabilizing influence, offering coverage to help employers and workers avoid the hardships of on-the-job injury and illness and providing assurance of security for millions of working people and families protected by NYSIF insurance policies; and

Whereas, today, NYSIF's core mission is the same as it was 100 years ago: the solemn responsibility of protecting workers and establishing standards that have helped New York businesses maintain safe, healthy workplaces in which employees and employers can thrive; and

Whereas, NYSIF continues its commitment to a healthy and accident-free work environment for each of its policyholders and their employees; we join to celebrate this century of service as NYSIF builds on its success of serving New York's employers while protecting the safety and health of its workers;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby cite the

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND

being observed and celebrated throughout 2014 in the Empire State.



Governor
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