

IBEW LOCAL 1007

GREETINGS:

On Tuesday, April 28, the National Day of Mourning is observed across our country, commemorating workers who have been injured, killed or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and incidents. Established in 1984, at the urging of the Canadian Labour Congress, the National Day of Mourning is now recognized in over 80 countries around the world. It is an important day to remember the brothers and sisters lost or suffering, and renew our commitment to improving the health and safety of all workers across our country.

Over 120 years ago, the IBEW was formed by workers who wanted to improve safety in their workplace. After a quarter of a century since the official recognition of the Day of Mourning, we have achieved improved legislation, regulations, and collective bargaining provisions, but even with these achievements, a record number of workers still die from workplace causes. Almost 1,000 Canadians are killed because of their work each year, and that's 1,000 workers that don't get to go home to their families at the end of the day. Union workplaces are safer than others, but we must redouble our efforts to protect the health and safety of all workers; and it is high time for governments to live up to their responsibility to ensure safer workplaces for all workers.

So on Tuesday, April 28th, mark the 'Day' by flying flags at half-mast; wear ribbons or black armbands, or whatever your traditional vigils/ceremonies are and observe moments of silence together with your family, friends and co-workers.

Please send in photos of any events your Local Union is participating in so we can share them on our website to increase the reach and awareness of the importance of commemorating the National Day of Mourning and insist that all levels of government do more to enforce existing health and safety laws and vigorously prosecute violations when a worker is killed or seriously injured.

Thank you.

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