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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING – APRIL 28, 2023

CUPW SHOWS RESPECT

The National Day of Mourning, held annually on April 28, is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives or suffered injury or illness at work. This annual event was initiated by the labour movement 38 years ago to increase awareness of on-the-job injuries and fatal workplace accidents. This day of remembrance was officially recognized by the federal government in 1991, more than six years after it was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1985. This year's theme is "Workers' Resources, Rights and Victories".

Although the National Day of Mourning is now recognized in more than 100 countries, including Canada, there is still a lot to accomplish in order to improve the safety of workers.

In 2021, the latest year for which statistics are available, 1,081 workers were fatally injured at work. The vast majority of them (1,009) were men. In addition to these fatalities, 277,217 lost time claims were granted in Canada.

After the last three years during which it was difficult to gather, we finally have a chance to gather in person and reflect together across the country.

For more information on the events across the country, please contact your provincial federation of labour or visit the Canadian Labour Congress webpage: www.canadianlabour.ca.

As in previous years, we have asked the Corporation to fly the Canadian flag at half-mast and observe a minute of silence during every shift on April 28. CPC has agreed to this request and has advised us that a national communication regarding the Day of Mourning will be sent shortly to all managers across the country.

On this National Day of Mourning, it is important that, wherever we are, we take the time to remember our brothers, sisters and friends who died, suffered injuries or became disabled at work. We must all commit to continuing the struggle to force employers and governments to fulfill their obligation to make every workplace a safe and healthy one. We must also continue seeking stronger health and safety standards and protection, and better enforcement in our workplaces.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!

In solidarity,



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