

## Ottawa and District Labour Council Conseil du travail d'Ottawa et du district

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

## Re: April 28th - National Day of Mourning

On Saturday, April 28th, 2018 individuals and organizations, in Canada and the world over, in large cities and in smaller communities, will gather to mourn the loss of life and injury to workers due to workplace accidents.

Please ensure that this important date is reinforced to all those at your workplace. In addition, the conveying of all information pertaining to April 28<sup>th</sup>, including postering, etc., to all those at your workplace will ensure respect for those workers who have lost their lives or suffered injury while on the job.

A Memorial Service will be held in Vincent Massey Park at the CLC Monument for workers killed or injured on the job commencing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging everyone to attend this one hour ceremony.

Perhaps you may also want to share the name of a co-worker who has suffered a workplace injury or the name of a co-workers' family who has experienced the loss of a loved one due to a workplace fatality with us. We approach this with care and an understanding.

If your Local wishes to lay a rose (available at the event, provided free of charge by the Ottawa & District Labour Council) in memory of your members or co-workers please advise us prior to April 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure that one will be available for you and your name and/or Local union appears in the Ceremony booklet.

We must continue with our long standing approach to "Fight for the Living" on matters pertaining to Health and Safety. A part of that process is to ensure that the "Day of Mourning" is observed at all workplaces and that participation by workers at Ceremonies continues to grow.

Our theme this year is "Violence and Harassment, It's Not Part of the Job".

If you have any questions, require further information, or wish to lay a rose please contact the Labour Council at 613-233-7820 or email jennifer@ottawalabour.org.

In solidarity,

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