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National Day of Mourning Handcrafted Ribbons

On April 28th, we observe a moment of silence for workers who have been injured or killed on the job. The National Day of Mourning as we know it today, was created 1983 by two activists, Colin Lambert (CUPE) and Ray Sentes. In 1984 and 1985 representatives took the idea to the CLC executive and its national health and safety committee.

In 1986, the CLC announced the first Day of Mourning. They chose the date when the Ontario Legislature passed the country's first workers compensation law in 1914. The convention passed a resolution supporting April 28th as a day to "Mourn for the Dead and Fight for the Living".

In December 1990, April 28th became a national observance with the passing of the Workers Mourning Day Act, so that on April 28th 1991, it was officially The National Day of Mourning for persons killed or injured in the workplace.

Just last year yet another bill was passed. Bill 180, whereas; all Canadian and Ontario flags flown outside Courthouses, Crown Agencies, Government of Ontario buildings, Municipal buildings such as schools, hospitals and police forces shall be flown at half-mast on April 28th in each year. For more information on this bill, visit: www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/bills/

April 28th is the labour movements most solemn day. In addition along with physical and environmental tragedies, we must also recognize mental health issues in the workplace.

These ribbons are individually hand-crafted in Hamilton, Ontario by the Hamilton and District Injured Worker's Group. The black strand represents all workers injured or that died on or because of their job. The CLEAR strand represents all those "INVISIBLE" injuries, work-related illnesses and diseases that are not being recognized by the WSIB.

The Hamilton and District Injured Worker's Group has been associated with labour since our inception in 1987.

Often, an injury or an illness can make one feel powerless, misunderstood, and isolated. We see advocacy as a way for injured workers to take back control their lives and health, and to help others.

Wear this ribbon in support of those who have lost their lives, who have been injured at the workplace and for safer workplaces in Ontario.