

Proclamation - Workers Day of Mourning - April 28, 2012

Parksville, BC - The Mayor of the City of Parksville has proclaimed April 28, 2012, as "*National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job*" in the City of Parksville.

The Day of Mourning has now grown into a worldwide event observed by unions, central labour bodies, labour councils, municipalities and national governments. The Day of Mourning is observed in nearly a hundred countries worldwide; it has been formally endorsed by the International Confederation of Tree Trade Unions (ICFTU). The Parliament of Canada officially recognized the Day of Mourning in 1991.

Said Mayor Chris Burger, "The City recognizes April 28 as a day to mourn victims of workplace accidents and bring awareness for the need to establish safe conditions in the workplace for all. It is as much a day to remember those lost in workplace accidents as it is a call to protect workers."

The City will fly its flags at half-mast on Saturday, April 28 in remembrance of those workers who have lost their lives and their health due to workplace injuries.

The Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labour Council represent 65 affiliated local unions with a combined membership of 14,000 men and women trade unionists in the central Vancouver Island area, from Cobble Hill to Qualicum Beach and the Gulf Islands north of Salt Spring Island. The Nanaimo, Duncan and District Labour Council along with CUPE 3570 will hold the Parksville area Day of Mourning ceremony at the Parksville Community Park picnic shelter at 4 pm, Saturday, April 28. The public is welcome to attend.

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