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Monument Unveiled to Honour Fallen Workers on Day of Mourning

The National Day of Mourning, held annually on April 28, remembers those workers killed, disabled or injured in the workplace and workers afflicted with industrial disease. A monument honouring these fallen workers will be unveiled outside the W. Frank Hatheway Labour Exhibit Centre at the Lily Lake Pavillion.

"In 2010, nine New Brunswickers lost their lives due to work-related causes," said Sharon Tucker, Chairperson of the WorkSafeNB's Board of Directors. "The Day of Mourning is not only a time to remember those workers, but is also a rallying call for workers and employers to renew their commitment to workplace safety and learn from these tragedies."

This solemn day of remembrance was officially recognized by the federal government in 1991, eight years after it was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress. The National Day of Mourning has since spread to over 100 countries around the world.

WorkSafeNB encourages everyone to find a significant way to mark this important day: take part in flag lowering at your workplace or attend ceremonies being held at various locations around the province. Pay tribute to those present and those lost in New Brunswick workplaces with a moment's silence at noon. For more information on Day of Mourning activities, visit the WorkSafeNB website at www.worksafenb.ca.

About WorkSafeNB

WorkSafeNB administers no-fault workplace accident and disability insurance for employers and their workers, funded solely through employer assessments. WorkSafeNB is committed to preventing workplace injuries and illness through education and the enforcement of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.