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## **MCGUINITY GOVERNMENT URGES ONTARIANS TO HONOUR FALLEN WORKERS**

*April 28 – Day Of Mourning*

TORONTO – Ontarians across the province are urged to take a moment tomorrow to reflect on the impact that workplace deaths, injuries and illnesses have on our communities, colleagues, friends and family, said Labour Minister Steve Peters.

“We all have a role to play in keeping our workplaces healthy and safe,” said Peters. “If everyone makes safety a priority today, there will be fewer workplace tragedies tomorrow.”

Today, Peters will hand out Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Day of Mourning ribbons to his colleagues in the Ontario legislature and urge them, in a statement, to take action to make workplace health and safety a priority. Peters will also take part in a moment of silence to commemorate this important day.

April 28 is observed across Canada as the Day of Mourning, a day to honour those who have died, suffered injury or experienced illness due to their jobs. Declared in 1984 by the Canadian Labour Congress, the Day of Mourning is recognized across the country and worldwide among approximately 80 countries.

“Workplace injuries can be prevented,” said Peters. “We must pledge to do whatever we can to make our workplaces healthy and safe so that our loved ones come home from work safe and sound.”

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