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**MCGUINITY GOVERNMENT MARKS DAY OF MOURNING
BY REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO REDUCE WORKPLACE INJURIES**

Flags At Half-Mast At Ontario Government Buildings

TORONTO – The Ontario government will commemorate the Day of Mourning by reaffirming its commitment to reducing workplace deaths, injuries and illnesses in Ontario, said Labour Minister Steve Peters.

“In 2004 alone, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board reported 296 work-related deaths and 277,422 workplace injuries,” said Peters. “This is unacceptable. No job is worth a life.”

Flags at Ontario government buildings across the province are at half-mast to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the Day of Mourning. Today, Peters will attend the St. Thomas and District Labour Council Day of Mourning Ceremony in St. Thomas, to honour Ontario’s fallen workers.

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.

“More still needs to be done to improve workplace health and safety,” said Peters. “We must continue to work together to prevent workplace tragedies so that one day work-related deaths and injuries will be a thing of the past.”

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