



City to Recognize National Day of Mourning

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VICTORIA, BC — A ceremony to recognize the National Day of Mourning will be held on the steps of City Hall tomorrow morning.

Each year the City of Victoria observes the Day of Mourning to remember workers across the country who have lost their lives as the result of workplace injury, illness, or disease. Canadian flags will be lowered to half mast and the National Day of Mourning flag will be raised. Mayor Fortin and City staff will then participate in a short ceremony to renew the organization's commitment to health and safety in the workplace.

What: Ceremony to Recognize National Day of Mourning

When: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Pandora Street entrance of City Hall

In 2008, 160 B.C. workers did not go home at the end of their workday. Of the 160 accepted work-related fatality claims, 76 were the result of occupational disease and four were young workers between the ages of 15 and 24.

Canada was the first country to formally recognize the Day of Mourning and it is now observed throughout the world.

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