



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: National Day of Mourning – Tuesday, April 28, 2016

On Thursday, April 28 – the National Day of Mourning – we join with workers across the globe to reaffirm our commitment to make our workplaces healthier and safer.

On this day, ceremonies throughout the province will honour workers injured or killed on the job and those who have died from work-related incidents or occupational disease.

The National Day of Mourning was officially recognized by the federal government in 1991, eight years after the day of remembrance was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress. The Day of Mourning has since spread to about 80 countries around the world and has been adopted by the AFL-CIO and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

According to WorkSafeBC's most recent statistics released last year, there were 146,814 workers injured on the job and 203 workers who died because of a workplace incident.

One way to raise awareness among HEU members and their families about the importance of the International Day of Mourning, the People with disAbilities Standing Committee is holding its fifth annual children's colouring contest, as part of its Blue Poppy Campaign.

Contest details are enclosed and available to download from the HEU website at <http://www.heu.org>. The submission deadline is **Thursday, May 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** – Provincial Office, 5000 North Fraser Way, Burnaby, B.C. V5J 5M3.

Please distribute the enclosed posters and blue poppies at your work site.

If you have any questions about the colouring contest, please contact HEU's equity officer Sharryn Modder at smodder@heu.org.

In solidarity,

Jennifer Whiteside
Secretary-Business Manager

cc: Provincial Executive, chairpersons, HEU reps and directors

Enclosure