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## NATIONAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE FOR COVID-19

Brothers and Sisters:

As we work through 2021, it's no coincidence that we Boilermakers continue to keep our COVID-19 case numbers low. Our collective efforts have made all the difference through a very difficult full year: ultimately, through mindful attention to precautions, we've kept each other, our families, and our communities safer.

Today, March 11, has been designated by the federal government as a National Day of Observance *to commemorate the people who lost their lives and the significant impacts everyone has felt due to COVID-19.*

As we pause to remember those in our Boilermaker family, and all Canadians, who have been impacted by the pandemic, let us also pay a thankful tribute to the countless healthcare and essential workers who have sacrificed so selflessly on the front lines of this crisis over the past year.

We wish all our members and their families good health as we maintain our defences in our efforts to overcome this unprecedented global calamity. We know this long trial is not over yet, but we've proven we can weather the storm until the world is safe again. Please stay vigilant and continue to follow the most up-to-date provincial public health recommendations.

In solidarity,

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