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IBEW, NECA, and EEI to Celebrate National Lineworker Appreciation Day on July 10

WASHINGTON (July 8, 2024) – The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), and the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) will join together this Wednesday, July 10, to observe National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

Celebrated annually, National Lineworker Appreciation Day honors the life and work of Henry Miller, the first IBEW president, and our nation’s more than 100,000 electrical lineworkers. These dedicated lineworkers often work around the clock and in dangerous conditions following hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, winter storms, and other extreme weather events to ensure that the customers and the communities they serve have access to safe and reliable electricity.

Lineworkers also maintain and enhance the energy grid and are playing a critical role in delivering America’s resilient clean energy future.

More than 140 members of Congress also are observing National Lineworker Appreciation Day by co-sponsoring resolutions to honor America’s lineworkers.

“Make no mistake, our lineworkers are America’s true heroes, always on the frontlines of every disaster, working 24/7 to keep the lights on in our communities,” said IBEW International President Kenneth W. Cooper. “Our nation wouldn’t run without them, which is why we take this day to remember their sacrifices and salute their service.”

“National Lineworker Appreciation Day is a significant occasion to recognize the vital contributions of our nation’s lineworkers,” expressed NECA CEO David Long. “These brave men and women work tirelessly, often in perilous conditions, to build, service, and restore our transmission and distribution infrastructure across America. Their dedication and expertise are essential to our daily lives and our nation’s future. We are proud to honor their commitment and celebrate their crucial role in keeping this country functioning.”

“EEI and our member electric companies salute our nation’s lineworkers and the incredibly important work they do every day,” said EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette. “In the face of disaster, lineworkers stand ready to support and to rebuild, dedicating their lives to restoring electricity and hope to the customers and communities they serve. They are heroes, and we are grateful for their commitment to keeping the lights on.”

Join the IBEW, NECA, and EEI and #ThankALineworker.

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IBEW represents approximately 838,000 members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government.

NECA is the voice of the \$225 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA's national office and 118 local chapters advance the industry through advocacy, education, research and standards development.

EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for nearly 250 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States. In addition to our U.S. members, EEI has more than 70 international electric companies, with operations in more than 90 countries, as International Members, and hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.