

Governor Christie Issues Canadian Utility Workers Appreciation Day Proclamation

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Governor Thanks Canadian Utility Crews And Companies As "True Friends And Neighbors" For Assistance To New Jersey During Superstorm Sandy

Trenton, NJ - Governor Chris Christie today issued a proclamation declaring Friday, December 5, 2014 as Canadian Utility Workers Appreciation Day. When Superstorm Sandy made landfall in New Jersey, widespread loss of electricity accompanied severe damage and flooding across our state. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, nearly 10 million customers in the Northeast lost electric power. As a result, the North American utility industry, an estimated 67,000 employees total, engaged in an unprecedented mobilization of resources to assist in restoration. This included 800 workers from Canada who traveled to New Jersey to assist in the restoration of our utility services.

"Today we thank all of the Canadians who assisted in the recovery efforts following Sandy for their compassion, generosity and dedication," said Governor Chris Christie. "Superstorm Sandy was a time of crisis and uncertainty in our state and these crews worked to quickly provide our citizens with electric power and begin the recovery process. We appreciate your efforts as our neighbors in our time of need."

Calling them "true friends and neighbors" in remarks to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce delivered yesterday, Governor Christie also personally thanked these utility crews and companies who dispatched from Canada to help restore power and utility service to storm-devastated New Jerseyans across the state.

The 800 workers included linemen, forestry crews, mechanics, logistics supervisors and health and safety personnel. These individuals worked 12-to-16 hour days in difficult conditions and their efforts helped to restore utility services to the 2.7 million residents of New Jersey that lost power in the immediate aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Today as part of Canadian Utility Workers Appreciation Day, Governor Christie recognized the following companies for their efforts:

- Entegrus Powerlines
- Erie Thames Powerlines
- Essex Powerlines
- Hydro Ottawa
- Toronto Hydro
- Hydro One
- Union Gas
- Enbridge Gas Distribution
- Gaz Métro
- Canadian Gas Association
- Electricity Distributors Association
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A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached to the release.

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