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TO: CEP ONTARIO REGION LOCAL UNION PRESIDENTS AND UNIT CHAIRS

RE: NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Monday, June 21st, 2010 is National Aboriginal Day. It's a day we honour our First Nation's People and celebrate with them.

National Aboriginal Day was first proclaimed by the Governor General of Canada on June 13th, 1996. This day presents Aboriginal people with a great opportunity to express their pride for their rich diverse culture with their families, neighbours, friends and visitors.

National Aboriginal Day is an opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal people and their contribution in making Canada the great nation that it has become. June 21st was chosen because of the cultural significance of the summer solstice (first day of summer and longest day of the year), and because many Aboriginal groups mark this day as a time to celebrate their heritage. Setting aside a day for Aboriginal Peoples is part of the wider recognition of Aboriginal Peoples' important place within the fabric of Canada, and their ongoing contributions as First Peoples.

National Aboriginal Day events are held in every area across Canada. Please join in the celebration!!

In solidarity,

Lillian Laird, Chair
Ontario Region Women's Committee

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cc: National Representatives, ORWC Committee Members