

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.24	ACTION			Ward:All
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Commemorate the Day of Mourning for the Italian Fallen Workers - by Councillor Maria Augimeri, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Maria Augimeri, seconded by Councillor Stephen Holyday, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the sacrifices of the Italian Fallen Workers through recognition of April 28th as the Day of Mourning for the Italian Fallen Workers.

Summary

On April 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., a memorial ceremony will be held at the Columbus Centre at 901 Lawrence Avenue West to commemorate the day of Mourning for the Italian Fallen Workers. The memorial will be unveiled for the 1,000 Italian Fallen Workers of Ontario who immigrated to Canada in search of a better life, but instead were met with tragedy while conducting the difficult and sometimes dangerous work that is often reserved for new immigrants. In the post war industrial boom, Italian immigrants made up the lion's share of the cheap labour needed to fuel the insatiable construction needs of our City and surrounding areas. Italians helped build much of Toronto and Ontario, often finding themselves in the construction and manual labour trades, which sometimes had no, or developing work safety conditions at the time. Today, Toronto is home to the fourth largest Italian population outside of Italy, and the families that were disrupted and sometimes destroyed by workplace tragedies still feel the effects today. It is with this in mind that we honour the sacrifices of the Italian Fallen Workers and the sacrifices of their loved ones.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.24