

*The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor
And The Honorable Executive Council*

A Commendation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, state, county, and municipal employees serve their communities by performing difficult and important jobs that keep us safe every day; and

WHEREAS, over the last 100 years, over 34 New Hampshire public works employees have tragically lost their lives while on the job; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial to Public Works Employees Committee has worked over the last ten years to create a memorial to honor these employees who lost their lives while performing their public duties; and

WHEREAS, this memorial honors the legacy of the employees and provides a place of comfort and solace for their families; and

WHEREAS, this memorial also provides a place for the public to acknowledge and honor the public works employees, and reflect on the sacrifices these employees made serving their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, join with my fellow Granite Staters in honoring those who lost their lives in service to our great state, and commend the Memorial Committee on their efforts to remember their colleagues with the **PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL**.

Given during Executive Council session, this 5th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand nineteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred forty-three.



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June 5, 2019

New Hampshire Department of Transportation
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Dear Friends,

I wish I could be with you in person for today's dedication ceremony for the Public Works Employee Memorial. Please know that I join you in spirit as we honor and salute the public service professionals who passed away while faithfully performing their duties. Thank you to everyone involved in designing, organizing and maintaining this beautiful, striking tribute.

Public workers are so important to the functioning of our everyday life. They maintain the roads we drive, ensure our bridges are safe to cross and preserve other pieces of infrastructure that are critical to our well-being and standard of living. The Public Works Employee Memorial is a reminder not only of the significance of their work but also of the dangers they face in fulfilling the duties of their important roles.

The people we honor at this site were capable men and women, but they were also proud parents, devoted spouses, caring siblings, loving children and faithful friends. This memorial is also a tribute to these families who had to bear the burden of their loved one's loss. To all family members here today – I hope you all take comfort in this meaningful gesture of appreciation, and I hope you know that the thoughts and gratitude of the people of New Hampshire are with you today and always.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

United States Senate

June 5, 2019

Dear Friends,

I regret that I cannot be with you for today's Dedication Ceremony for the New Hampshire Public Works Employee Memorial, but I join you in remembering and honoring the New Hampshire workers who lost their lives on the job.

This event is an important way to pay tribute to the workers that we have lost. Our Public Works Employees are essential to developing and maintaining the public works infrastructure and services that are critical to our economy, public health and safety, our quality of life, and the well-being of our people. We must continue working to reduce on-the-job injuries and to ensure that all of our workplaces are safe.

Thank you to the Public Works Employee Memorial Committee for organizing today's dedication ceremony. The Public Works Employee Memorial is a strong tribute that will help ensure that people throughout our state will always remember the Granite State workers who are no longer with us and continue to offer support to their families and loved ones.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped to make the New Hampshire Public Works Employee Memorial a reality. The dedication of this Memorial is an impressive accomplishment and pays tribute to the countless contributions our public workforce has made to the Granite State.

Our public workers take on challenges to help our smallest towns to our largest cities thrive. On this day, we pause to remember the 34 men and women who have lost their lives during job-related incidents in the past 50 years. Today's important tribute allows reflection for our friends and neighbors who have committed their lives through years of serving public works across New Hampshire.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I want to thank the Memorial to Public Works Employees Committee, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the New Hampshire Public Works Association for their work to commemorate their colleagues. Thank you again for all that you do to make the Granite State such an incredibly special place.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress

CHRIS PAPPAS

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Good morning,

I regret that I could not join you in person to honor and memorialize the state, county, and municipal New Hampshire Public Works employees who have lost their lives in service to our state. These dedicated public servants put their safety on the line to ensure the safety of others, working risky jobs in order guarantee the security of our roads and bridges. Their effort too often goes without thanks or recognition, but it's because of their hard work and commitment that Granite Staters are able to safely and freely conduct business and live better lives.

I want to recognize the permanent committee formed in 2009 that has overseen the design of this memorial. Thank you to Commissioner Sheehan and Governor Sununu for seeing this important project through and giving our state, county, and municipal employees who have made the ultimate sacrifice the honor and eternal recognition they have earned.

The 24 inverted shovels and grove of purple lilacs so fittingly displayed at this memorial site remind us of the dedication our public employees commit to our communities each and every day.

I look forward to visiting this site in the near future to pay tribute in person to the employees who are being memorialized today, and I will undoubtedly take time today to reflect upon the tremendous work and the immense sacrifices they have made on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Pappas".

Chris Pappas
Member of Congress