

# Mitchell



# EMC

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## Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation 77th Annual Meeting April 17, 2015

Registration	12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Free gifts to the first 500 consumers to register -	
Information Booths	12:30-2:00 p.m.
Entertainment	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	2:00 p.m.

### Make your plans to attend!

*Registration closes promptly at 2:00 pm. You must be registered and present to win a door prize.*



*Door Prizes and Grand Prize immediately following business meeting*



*One lucky member will receive \$1000 credit on their Mitchell EMC Bill as a Grand Prize.*



*As a Member-Owner YOU have the power to make a difference!*



*Mitchell EMC celebrates*

# NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY

*America's electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.*

On April 13, 2015, Mitchell EMC will honor the hard working men who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on.

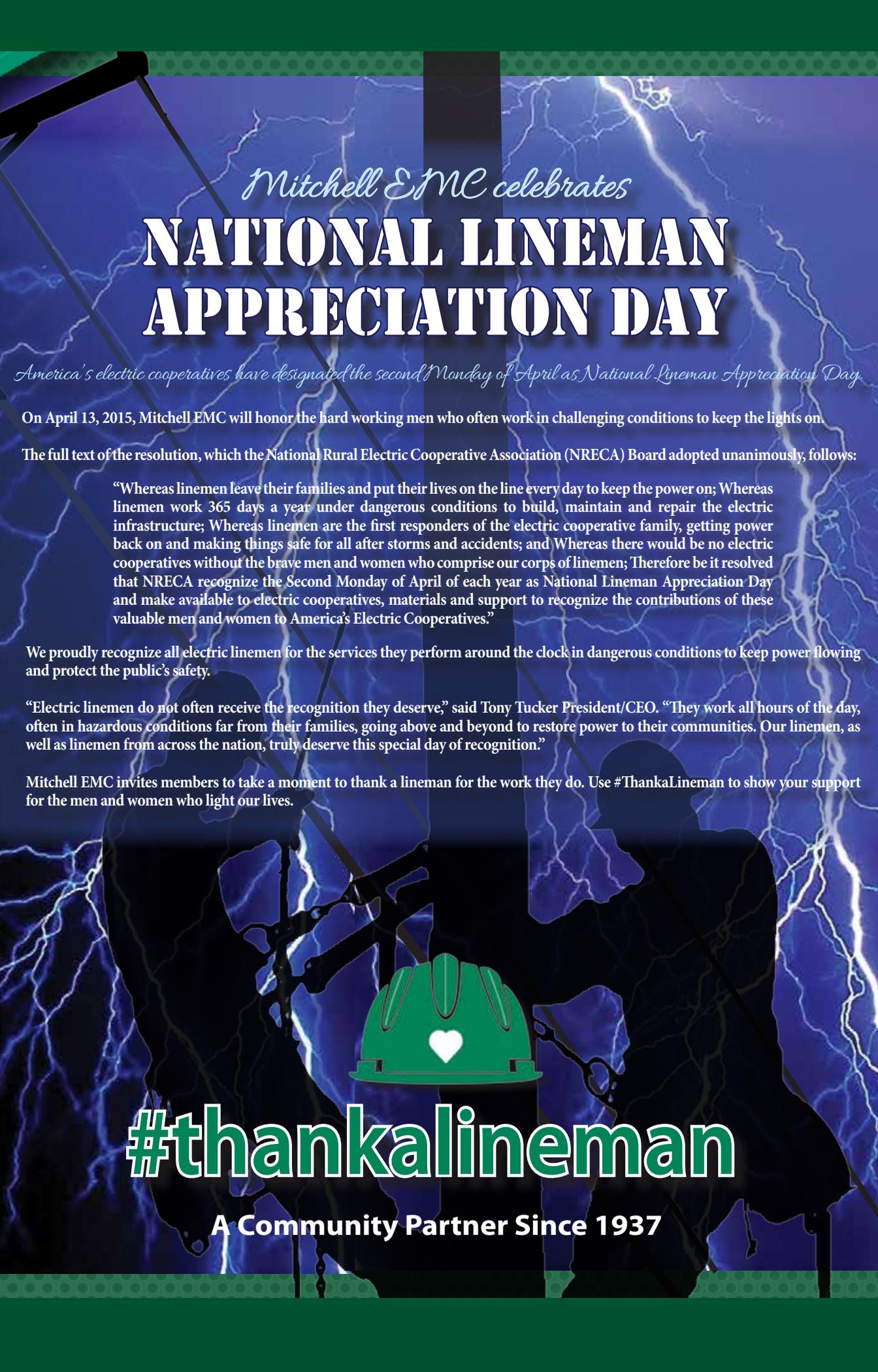
The full text of the resolution, which the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Board adopted unanimously, follows:

“Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen; Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives, materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America's Electric Cooperatives.”

We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety.

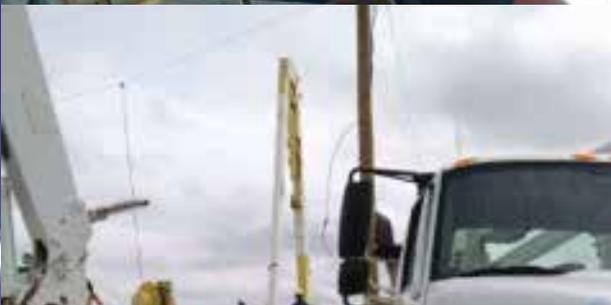
“Electric linemen do not often receive the recognition they deserve,” said Tony Tucker President/CEO. “They work all hours of the day, often in hazardous conditions far from their families, going above and beyond to restore power to their communities. Our linemen, as well as linemen from across the nation, truly deserve this special day of recognition.”

Mitchell EMC invites members to take a moment to thank a lineman for the work they do. Use #ThankALineman to show your support for the men and women who light our lives.



# #thankalineman

**A Community Partner Since 1937**



## Employee SPOTLIGHT



**Jeff Bailey** – Jeff is the Albany District Operations Foreman. He has been employed with Mitchell EMC for thirty-six years.

Jeff enjoys his job and being a part of an organization that provides such a valuable service to our customers. “We could live without Cable TV and Telephone service, but life without Electricity this day and time would be hard to deal with”, says Jeff.

Jeff recalls as a lineman in the 80’s, I was assigned the first Material Handling Bucket Truck at Mitchell EMC. That made line work safer and more efficient. Until then a lot of poles had to be climbed and transformers had to be pulled up by hand. Now we have twelve

Material Handlers. That was also when we started doing “Live Line Work”, which improved customer service tremendously. I was glad to be a part of that.

I’m 55 now, and I’ve spent my entire adult life at Mitchell EMC. I hope to retire one day, but will always be thankful for the opportunity to work with such caring and passionate people, especially the guys that I currently supervise. Mitchell EMC is a great company to work for.



**OJ Johnson** – OJ is a Foreman in the Camilla District Office. He has been employed with Mitchell EMC for thirty years.

When asked about what he enjoyed most about his job, OJ said, “I really enjoy being able to help people, whether it’s getting their lights back on after a storm, running the service to their house, or playing Santa-raising money for the Relay for Life. I have also enjoyed working with the men and women of Mitchell EMC. They are the best in the business.”

OJ recalled some of his most memorable events here at Mitchell EMC. He said, “There are so many things that stand out. Hurricane Kate back in the 80’s, Andrew, Katrina and Ike, the flood of 94, and the Tornados

of 2000, 2003 and the 2011 tornado outbreak in Alabama, and many other storms. It hurts my heart to see someone that has suffered damage to their home or property and for their lights to be out. I have been able to meet the best of people at the worst of times. I am thankful that the good Lord has seen fit to allow me to be a part of an organization like Mitchell EMC. It’s allowed me to be able to help people, and you can’t get any better than that.”

“I have enjoyed being able to play Santa. To see the wonder in a child’s eyes or the look in a parent’s face because I had taken the time to talk and listen to their child. Some of the children have had physical disabilities, autism, and some aren’t with us anymore. They have touched my life and I’ll never forget them.

**Note:** If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

### Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applicants for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D

