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## A Labor of Love

**EACH SEPTEMBER, WE** celebrate Labor Day, a nationwide tribute to the contributions American workers make to the strength and prosperity of our country.

Labor is defined as an expenditure of physical or mental effort, especially when difficult or compulsory. The employees of Karnes Electric Cooperative know that definition well.

When the lights go off—whether due to thunderstorms, wildfires or ice storms—our lineworkers leave their families to work tirelessly in harsh and dangerous conditions to restore your power. Other employees handle phone calls and dispatch crews to get electricity flowing to your home as quickly and safely as possible.

But that doesn't mean the job is a laborious punishment. It's a labor of love.

When the weather gets rough and the calls come in, employees who were safe at home often call in to see if there's anything they can do to help. We've had member service representatives simply show up to help answer calls during a crisis.

Our employees do this because they care about what they do. They care about the membership—their own friends, family and neighbors. And nothing is more important than making sure that every member is safe and sound—with the power humming—even during inclement weather.

And it's not just when the lights are off that our employees work hard. Their dedication is evident every day.

Our lineworkers go through extensive training to ensure their safety and that of their fellow crew members. Along with our office staff, they maintain our system, ensuring you have a reliable flow of power. Karnes EC is always here to educate you about the dangers of electricity, and through *Texas Co-op Power* and other avenues, we pass along tips to help keep you safe and save you money by making energy-conscious decisions.

We don't just do this because it's our job. We do it because we care about you, our members, who are our friends, family and neighbors.

Today I want to ask you to thank a co-op worker if you see one. Thank them for their commitment, their talent, their hard work and their service to the membership of this cooperative. After all, even though our offices will be closed September 7 for Labor Day, if your power goes out, we'll be on our way to fix it, holiday or not. ■



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Labor Day

Monday, September 7  
Our offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

#### Patriot Day

Rosh Hashanah Begins  
Friday, September 11

#### National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 15

#### Autumn Begins

Tuesday, September 22

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