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Warren RECC Celebrates Lineman Appreciation Day

April 11, 2022 (Bowling Green, KY) Today, Warren RECC celebrated National Lineman Appreciation Day with our more than 50 linemen located across our eight-county service territory.

Linemen work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing. They often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure. Linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes.

This past December, our linemen experienced just such an event, as three tornados tore through the Warren RECC service territory. In the early morning hours of December 11, 2021, Warren RECC linemen left their homes and families – many with storm damage of their own – and raced to aid in restoration. In the Warren RECC territory, the storm tore down 14 transmission poles, 302 distribution poles, created significant damage to one of our substations, and left 28,000 of our members without power. Thanks to our linemen and the 48 additional crews of linemen who joined us in our restoration effort, we were able to restore power to all of our members who could receive power within 5 days.

“Warren RECC was founded here and we’re still operated locally. Our members’ communities are our communities. Our linemen are deeply committed to ensuring our members have safe, reliable power to support their everyday lives, regardless of the conditions – even devastating tornados. Today, we take the opportunity to thank them for their service and dedication. Without their hard work in December and every day, our lives would be significantly different. If you see a lineman today, I encourage you to shake his hand and thank him for his hard work,” said Dewayne McDonald, President and CEO of Warren RECC.