



## **PSC Honors Lineworkers During Florida Lineworker Appreciation Day**

*In 2012, the Florida House of Representatives created Lineworker Appreciation Day, annually honoring the thousands of workers risking their lives daily to ensure delivery of reliable electric service throughout the state.*

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) celebrated Florida Lineworker Appreciation Day on August 26, recognizing lineworkers for the hard work they do every day to keep the lights on in Florida.

“Our communities rely on safe, reliable electrical power, and the PSC honors the lineworkers who make it happen...the men and women who keep our lights, A/C, appliances, and electronics humming,” said PSC Chairman Art Graham. “Lineworkers put their lives on the line every day, so we can enjoy the comforts of our homes.”

Florida’s lineworkers are highly skilled professionals, trained to work safely and efficiently during high winds, rain, or other inclement conditions. When needed, they selflessly leave their families to travel to other parts of the country to help restore power to homes and businesses struggling after a storm.

Florida’s Lineworker Appreciation Day was timed perfectly, since line crews from across the country were gathering in Florida to help the state’s utilities restore power following Hurricane Dorian’s originally projected path. The Category 5 hurricane commanded the state’s attention for almost two weeks, from late August to early September. With Dorian skimming Florida’s coast and ultimately barreling up to the Carolinas, many Florida lineworkers traveled with their counterparts from other states to help those utilities in states more directly impacted by the storm.

Even when there is no storm or hurricane, lineworkers toil daily with high voltage electric lines as they dangle high above the ground in harnesses to keep the lights on. Collectively, lineworkers maintain the nation’s more than 5.5 million miles of local distribution lines.