



FORTFRANCES
PROCLAMATION

Hope Air Day

May 6, 2026

WHEREAS, access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their geographic location or financial circumstances; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been dedicated to removing barriers to healthcare by providing free travel supports for Canadians who must travel far from home to access medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Hope Air helps bridge the distances between patients and ensuring that people living in rural, remote, and underserved communities can reach life-changing and life-saving medical care; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients by supporting families, strengthening communities, and contributing to a more equitable healthcare system across Canada; and

WHEREAS, the compassion and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air, its volunteers, partners, donors, and supporters over the past four decades exemplify the power of community and collective action; and

WHEREAS, Hope Air's 40th Anniversary is an opportunity to recognize the importance of equitable access to healthcare and raise awareness of the challenges many Canadians still face in reaching the medical care they need; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Andrew Hallikas hereby proclaim that May 6, 2026, shall be known as "Hope Air Day" in the Town of Fort Frances in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

And further I encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our society. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

Mayor Andrew Hallikas

