



PROCLAMATION

Hope Air Day

June 7, 2024

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

WHEREAS, Hope Air, a charitable organization, has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free flights and other services for patients living in rural and under-served communities in Ontario, ensuring they can receive vital medical treatment regardless of distance or financial means; and;


WHEREAS, Hope Air has been instrumental in bridging the gap between smaller communities and hospitals far from home, reducing the barriers that often prevent individuals from reaching medical care; and;

WHEREAS, the impact of Hope Air extends beyond the individual patients served, positively affecting families, communities, and the healthcare system as a whole by promoting wellness and reducing the burden of untreated medical conditions; and;

WHEREAS, the compassion, dedication, and commitment demonstrated by Hope Air and its volunteers embody the spirit of community and the belief in the inherent value of every individual's well-being;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Andrew Hallikas, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim that June 7, 2024 shall be known as "**Hope Air Day**" 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.

We urge all citizens to join us 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.



Andrew Hallikas, Mayor