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Northumberland Hills Hospital flag at half-mast for RN Kevin Higney

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday, August 17th, 2020—It is with great sadness that Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) is flying its Canadian flag at half-mast in honour of a respected colleague and friend, Kevin Higney, Registered Nurse (RN). Kevin passed away on the evening of Saturday, August 15th, following a tragic accident.

A husband and devoted father of three, Kevin was a long-time critical care RN at Lakeridge Health and, since November 2017, a part-time critical care RN with NHH's Emergency Department and Intensive Care teams as well. He is described by NHH colleagues as "a wonderful nurse," and "extremely caring and compassionate."

In a message to staff earlier today, NHH's Vice President of Patient Services, Chief Nursing Executive and Chief Clinical Information Officer Susan Walsh said: "Kevin embodied what we mean when we speak about patient-centred care. Many have remarked that he was particularly respected for attending not just to his patients, but to their family's needs as well while always looking out for his teammates. He was a beloved colleague at both institutions and teams at our hospitals are feeling a great loss."

Deepest sympathy is extended from everyone at NHH to Kevin's wife, family and friends, and to his many colleagues at Lakeridge Health.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter @NorHillsHosp.

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