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### **NHH flag to fly at half-mast on April 28<sup>th</sup> in recognition of National Day of Mourning, moment of silence observed**

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, April 27, 2020**—The Canadian flag in front of Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will once again fly at half-mast on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, in recognition of the annual National Day of Mourning.

Established by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984, this day honours those injured, killed or made ill due to a workplace-related accident or hazard as well as the many families, friends and colleagues also affected by these tragedies.

“As care providers and employees, we pause on this day every year to consider the serious impact of workplace incidents and the responsibility we all have to ensure that every possible safety precaution is in place to minimize risk from workplace hazards,” said Elizabeth Vosburgh, NHH’s Senior Vice President of Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer. “Our team is firmly committed to ensuring the highest possible standards for employee health, safety and wellbeing. The continued presence of COVID-19 in our country and community makes this event all the more poignant for our team. NHH will pause at 11AM April 28 for a minute of silence honouring Canadians lost or injured in a work-related accident this past year, and all those who selflessly put their lives on the line as essential workers.”

The National Day of Mourning is recognized around the world. For further context please see the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) website [www.wsibdayofmourning.ca](http://www.wsibdayofmourning.ca), the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety website at: <https://www.ccohs.ca/> and the website of the Workers Health and Safety Centre of Ontario at <https://www.whsc.on.ca/Home>.

**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 more than 700 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.

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