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NHH flag at half-mast on April 28th in recognition of National Day of Mourning

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, April 26, 2018—The Canadian flag in front of Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) will fly at half-mast on Saturday, April 28th, in recognition of the annual National Day of Mourning.

Each year this day honours those injured, killed or suffering due to a workplace-related accident or hazard.

"As care providers and employees, we pause on this day 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 Vice President of Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer. "Guided by our interprofessional Occupational Health and Safety Committee, NHH is committed to ensuring the highest possible standards for employee health, safety and wellbeing."

The National Day of Mourning is recognized around the world. For further context in Ontario please see the Ministry of Labour website at: https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/april28.php

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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 the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter <u>@NorHillsHosp</u>.

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