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NHH flag to fly at half-mast on April 28th in recognition of National Day of Mourning, moment of silence observed

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, April 28, 2022—The Canada flag is flying at half-mast today at Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) in recognition of the National Day of Mourning.

Established by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984, this day honours the individuals injured, killed or made ill as the result of 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 respect the responsibility we all have to ensure that every possible safety precaution is in place to minimize risk from workplace hazards," said Lola Obomighie, NHH's Vice President of People, Culture and Organizational Effectiveness. "NHH is 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 more please see the websites of the <u>Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety</u> and the <u>Workers</u> <u>Health and Safety Centre of Ontario</u>.

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 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East) – formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit <u>www.nhh.ca</u> or follow us on Facebook @northumberlandhillshosp or Twitter @NorHillsHosp.

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