

## National Day of Mourning

**April 28, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Mourning has been recognized since April 28th, 1991;

**AND WHEREAS**, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we pay respect to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents;

**AND WHEREAS**, we also honour the many families and friends who have been deeply affected by these tragedies;

**AND WHEREAS**, according to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety in the twenty year period from 1995 to 2014, 18,039 people lost their lives due to work related causes (an average of 902 deaths per year);

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Day of Mourning has since spread to about 80 countries around the world;

**AND WHEREAS**, due to the unprecedented event of COVID-19 we are not able to be together in person to honour these workers who remain on our minds and in our hearts. We are not able to shake the hands of those working the front lines and thank them for keeping us safe;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Town of Pelham does hereby proclaim April 28th, 2020 as a Day of Mourning and that flags be lowered to half-mast to honour the lives that have been forever changed or lost as a result of work-related incidents. By working together - employers, workers and our health and safety partners, we can prevent worker injuries and deaths before they occur.

**DATED AT** the Town of Pelham this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Mayor Marvin Junkin  
Town of Pelham