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The FONOM Board would like to share this message with you, and they would appreciate your consideration.

On June 7th, Hope Air is working with cities, towns, and municipalities to declare this day, "Hope Air Day" in Ontario. We are choosing this day to shine the spotlight on the unique medical travel needs of thousands of residents in Northern Ontario. To bring awareness to the issue of equitable access to health care, regardless of distance or income.

To this end, I am writing to ask for your consideration of your organization passing the attached proclamation declaring June 7th, **Hope Air Day**. We expect numerous municipalities to pass this proclamation, and I have attached a formal request as well as a draft proclamation for your review. I have sent the request for proclamation to Hearst, Kapuskasing, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay. I will continue to connect with Fort Frances, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, and a few other communities. I respectfully ask for your assistance in sharing with other members to proclaim this day in addition to the FONOM board.

Hope Air Day will culminate in a live concert at 7 pm from Timmins, Ontario, featuring country rock musician Cory Marx. Born in North Bay, Ontario, Cory is a rising musical star and pilot and knows firsthand the challenges relating to access to health care for residents in the North. We will live stream this concert with details to follow.

Thank you again for your belief that no patient should be left behind.

Talk soon, Mac.