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Dear The Board of Directors for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities,

As you know, Hope Air has been tirelessly dedicated to providing access to healthcare by facilitating free travel arrangements for patients living in your community. We ensure that individuals can reach life-saving medical treatment far from home, regardless of distance or financial means.

We want to thank you for your support last year in our advocacy to the Ontario government, for funding to Hope to enable our charity to meet the ongoing and growing demand for our programs. In 2023, Hope Air supported over 3,300 travel arrangements for patients across Northern Ontario. We remain in discussions with the Ministry of Health on a potential funding partnership

On **June 7th**, Hope Air is working with municipalities across Northern Ontario 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 each year. In turn, we must continue to bring awareness to the issue of equitable access to health care for all.

I am writing to request your consideration that your Municipality adopt the attached proclamation declaring June 7th, Hope Air Day. We would be grateful for this support, in joining cities and towns across the North to recognize the impact of Hope Air.

I have attached a draft of the proclamation for your review.

Please let know if you have any questions with regard to this proclamation,

Warm Regards,

Mark Rubinstein

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cc. Kristina De Marzio
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