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**CLERKS DEPARTMENT**

May 26, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu  
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Dear Minister Hajdu:

Re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative

This is to confirm that at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Township Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and

THAT, a letter demonstrating Township of West Lincoln Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Dean Allison MP Niagara West, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff MPP Niagara West, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio- Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Federal Minister of Health  
The Honourable Dean Allison MP  
The Honourable Sam Oosterhoff, MPP  
Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications  
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