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VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Patty Hajdu

Federal Minister of Health

House of Commons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Re: Support for 988 a 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline

Please be advised that on June 2, 2021, The Council of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands passed the following motion endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

Resolution 219-2021

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

Whereas the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit 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; and

Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline; and

Whereas the Municipality of Hastings Highlands recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved as follows:

1. That the Municipality of Hastings Highlands endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Hastings Highland's support be sent to Daryl Kramp MPP, Derek Sloan MP, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

cc:

-MP for Hastings–Lennox and Addington Derek Sloan Derek.Sloan@parl.gc.ca

-MPP for Hastings–Lennox and Addington Daryl Kramp daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org

-Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission – Ian Scott

-All Ontario Municipalities

Regards,

Suzanne Huschilt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Huschilt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Municipal Clerk