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National Day of remembrance for COVID-19

Hawkesbury, Thursday, March 11, 2021 – Today marks a year since the world's population was plunged into a health crisis that is quite out of the ordinary. Here in Hawkesbury, citizens have invested efforts to fight this pandemic, but the ordeal has claimed victims who should not be forgotten. There are real people at the heart of this tragedy, and many families were left scarred and bereaved.

March 11, 2021 is an opportunity to honor the memory of the victims of COVID-19, to pay tribute to them and to heal our collective wounds. It is also an occasion to dwell on the solidarity, the friendship and the tokens of comfort exchanged in recent months.

“ March 2020 marked the beginning of an extraordinary period. On this national day of commemoration, let us pay tribute to the persons that are victims of COVID-19, and their families and loved ones.

Let us come together as a nation to reflect on this past year, which has affected us all in one manner or another. ” - Mrs. Paula J Assaly, Mayor

We must continue to act with determination to overcome this pandemic, by respecting the measures put in place and adopting respectful social behavior. The fight is not yet won, but with the arrival of vaccines, we can finally see a return to a certain normality.

We wish to convey our deepest condolences to the affected families and their loved ones and to all those who have suffered because of the pandemic.

On March 11, 2021, the flags will be at half-mast at the Town Hall and other municipal buildings. We invite you to observe a minute of silence to honor the memory of the victims of COVID-19 at 1 p.m.

So let us continue to be careful, it saves lives!

Statement by the Prime Minister to announce a national day of remembrance for COVID-19:

<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/statements/2021/03/08/statement-prime-minister-announcing-national-day-observance-covid-19>

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