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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email: Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation:

Re: Township of East Garafraxa Resolution of Support for the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Roads Safety Program – Ontario Good Roads Association

Please be advised that, at its meeting of Council held on November 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa supported the following motion received from the Ontario Good Roads Association:

**MOVED BY BANFIELD, SECONDED BY HALLS
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of East Garafraxa requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical

investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Shannon Peart
Administrative Assistant/ Clerk's Department
Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa

cc: Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness
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Ontario Good Roads Association
All Ontario Municipalities