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National Day of Observance for COVID-19

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has declared March 11, 2021 the National Day of Observance for COVID-19. This day is significant across the globe, as it marks one year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

The impacts of the novel coronavirus in the last year have been diverse and widespread, touching every single person in one way or another. This past year has been filled with countless changes, challenges and new obstacles to overcome.

On this day, I would like to take a moment to again sincerely thank our health care, emergency response and frontline workers. You have faced experiences that we never anticipated we'd see in our lifetime. The days have been long and the circumstances have been unimaginable, but you have continued to show up each and every day, working tirelessly to help keep our citizens as healthy and safe as possible. Thank you for what you do and your steadfast commitment to serve our communities well.

On behalf of the City of Vernon, I offer my most sincere condolences to those who have lost of a loved one, near or far, to the COVID-19 virus. Our hearts have been heavy and we've mourned with you as we've learned of each confirmed case or death due to the virus – within our own community, across our province, and around the world. We honour those who have been lost and commit to remembering them as we move forward.

One year has passed and the impacts have been significant. However, we continue to look ahead with hope as new developments are being made each day to move our communities into a place of recovery.

As Mayor of Vernon, I am proud of the work that has been done in our community to respond to the pandemic and protect our citizens, businesses and visitors. May we look back at this past year with solemn remembrance for what was lost, but also with gratitude for what was protected. And may we continue to approach each new day with kindness, patience and compassion as we work together to become even more resilient for tomorrow.

Victor Cumming
Mayor, City of Vernon