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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

Urgent Action on Highway Safety – Highways 11 and 17

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada; and

WHEREAS these highways support Northern Ontario’s resource economy, connect communities to essential services including health care, and carry critical national supply chains; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year; and

WHEREAS in April 2023, the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, co-chaired by representatives of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario’s transportation network; and

WHEREAS many of the Task Force recommendations related to highway safety and infrastructure improvements have yet to be fully implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calls upon the Province of Ontario to accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario prioritizes meaningful safety improvements along Highways 11 and 17, including expanded passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and the implementation of the 2+1 highway model in appropriate sections; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide Northern municipalities with an update on the status and implementation timeline of the Task Force recommendations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of Canadian Parliament, and AMO.