



## **Proclamation**

### **Emergency Preparedness Week**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Whereas** Emergency Preparedness Week is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May; and

**Whereas** this awareness initiative has taken place since 1996 and is a collaborative event undertaken by federal, provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level, in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and partners; and

**Whereas** Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take the following three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

1. Make a plan
2. Build a kit
3. Stay informed

**Whereas** on March 17, 2020, the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of a communicable disease namely COVID-19 (coronavirus) and to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the Ontario government has extended the declaration of emergency to May 12, 2020; and

**Whereas** to further support the Province of Ontario and the current mitigation initiatives therein; and

**Whereas** the safety of our community is the responsibility of each and every resident;

I, **Jane Dumas, Mayor of the Township of South Algonquin**, do hereby proclaim May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup> as "Emergency Preparedness Week" in the Township of South Algonquin and urges all residents to raise awareness of the need to prepare for the possibility of an emergency and *Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Be Informed*.