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The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
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Dear Honourable Sir:

The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron at the Regular Council meeting on July 15, 2019;

Motion: 382-2019

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council support the Township of Warwick resolution regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms as follows:

Whereas agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world; and

Whereas in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals; and

Whereas the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media; and

Where maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations; and

Whereas the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation- to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals; and

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO and ROMA.

Disposition: Carried

Yours truly,



Rebekah Msuya-Collison
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of South Huron

- CC. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
 The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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