



## PROCLAMATION

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To designate April 14 to 20, 2024  
as  
**National Volunteer Week**

*Whereas* 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

*Whereas* volunteers in Simcoe County mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

*Whereas* volunteers in Simcoe County continue to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

*Whereas* Simcoe County's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

*Whereas* the collective result of the work done by our County's volunteers is that Simcoe County is a more desirable place to live; and

*Whereas*, organizations in Simcoe County that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as local hospitals, schools, hospices, community centres, sports programs, charities, and more; and

*Therefore I, Warden Basil Clarke,* on behalf of Simcoe County Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14 to 20, 2024, as "National Volunteer Week" in the County of Simcoe and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Dated at the County of Simcoe, Midhurst on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Basil Clarke, Warden  
County of Simcoe