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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Statement from the City of Humboldt on 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2017-18 HUMBOLDT BRONCOS TRAGEDY

**Humboldt, SK –** The City of Humboldt, in collaboration with representatives of the 2017-18 Humboldt Broncos Families, are preparing a dedicated web page on the City of Humboldt's web site at <u>www.humboldt.ca/tribute</u> that will serve as a "virtual tribute" in recognition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Humboldt Broncos tragedy that occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Provincial Orders set forth due to the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented us with proceeding with the original plan, which was to create a temporary special exhibit comprised of a representation of the many creative and unique memorabilia items we received in the days, weeks and months that followed the tragedy.

"In the midst of all the turmoil in the present world we want to make sure the lives lost and those that were changed forever two years ago are not forgotten. During this time of self-isolating and practicing physical distancing, it's important to us that people still have a place to go to reflect and remember the tragedy and the outpouring of support that our community received on a global scale. We felt that a dedicated "tribute web page" with photos and video clips was a good way to remind us of what happened, and how everyone came together to support one another. There will also be an online guestbook for visitors to sign," says Mayor Rob Muench.

Additionally, the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Humboldt will toll their bells at approximately 4:50 pm on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in recognition of the approximate date and time that the tragedy occurred 2 years ago. It is intended that this will be captured by a live video feed on the City of Humboldt's Facebook page, followed by a moment of silence. Mayor Muench has proclaimed Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "2017-18 Humboldt Broncos Day" in the City of Humboldt and encourages all citizens to observe a moment of silence, no matter where they may be, at the same time.



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The web page will be launched and available to view at noon on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The page will remain on the website permanently and will be updated from time to time.

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