**WHEREAS** GivingTuesday is an annual celebration of generosity and volunteerism which is celebrated and recognized in over 180+ countries across the globe, and;

**WHEREAS** GivingTuesday falls immediately after Black Friday/Cyber Monday weekend, and asks people to give to the less fortunate after having spent on luxuries during the years' hottest sales, and;

**WHEREAS** Since 2012, GivingTuesday has raised billions of dollars for charities and nonprofits across Canada, the US, and the World, and;

**WHEREAS** Since forming in 2021, NiagaraGives and GivingTuesday has inspired more than \$300,000 in charitable donations to local Niagara organizations, and;

**WHEREAS** GivingTuesday brings together businesses, charities, families, and entire communities to tackle real issues and create a better world for all, and;

**WHEREAS** The City of Port Colborne recognizes and celebrates the incredible contributions of individuals and organizations and recognizes the increasing need for their services.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby declare December 3rd, 2024, as GivingTuesday in the City of Port Colborne.