



**PORT COLBORNE**



Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

**WHEREAS** the Battle of the Atlantic was the longest and most complex campaign of the Second World War, lasting five years, eight months, and five days, during which Canada lost more than 2,000 sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy, 1,600 merchant mariners, and 752 airmen of the Royal Canadian Air Force; and

**WHEREAS** the Niagara Region, including the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence Seaway, shares a direct connection to this history, as many merchant vessels and sailors from Great Lakes fleets took part in dangerous convoy missions to deliver vital supplies across the Atlantic; and

**WHEREAS** the Royal Canadian Naval Association – Niagara Region will host a waterside Commemoration Service and parade on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Canadian Corps Association on West Street, Port Colborne, to honour those who served and those who never returned home; and

**WHEREAS** in recognition of Navy Week, the White Ensign will be raised at City Hall and at locations across Port Colborne from April 28 to May 3:

**WHEREAS** Port Colborne's strong marine and naval heritage calls on us to recognize the service and sacrifice of those connected to our waterways, and to continue honouring their legacy through remembrance and community reflection.

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**I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby declare April 28 to May 3, Navy Week  
in the City of Port Colborne.**

**We will remember them.**



**"We Will Remember Them"**