DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT

Whereas I, Darrin Canniff, Mayor of Chatham-Kent, declared a state of emergency on Monday, July 19, 2021 that was later amended on Thursday, July 22, 2021 affecting lands in Wheatley due to the detection of hydrogen sulfide gas;

And whereas, an explosion occurred on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the property located at 15 Erie Street N., Wheatley which expanded the affected evacuation area on August 27, 2021;

And whereas, on April 13, 2022, the evacuation zone had been reduced;

And whereas, on May 31, 2022, the evacuation zone had been reduced again;

And whereas, on July 28, 2022 the evacuation zone had been reduced again;

Therefore, the declared state of emergency is still in effect and the evacuation zone has been now reduced further to only include the areas indicated on the map attached; all of this being pursuant to the powers given to me by the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, on the basis I determine that this ongoing situation constitutes a danger that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property.

Darrin Canniff, Mayor Municipality of Chatham-Kent 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022