



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

FEATURE INDUSTRY

Great Lakes Lavender

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognize the contribution that corporate citizens have made and are making to enhance the economic health of this community;

Great Lakes Lavender, located at 9560 Pioneer Line in Chatham, was founded in 2004 by Mr. Joe Korpan as Ontario's premier lavender producer. The company is now owned and operated by Matt and Kate Korpan. Great Lakes Lavender is known as "Ontario's Lavender Destination".

The company began operations with an initial 500 plant trial containing five varieties of lavender. Over the past eight years, Great Lakes Lavender has tested the limits of lavender production in Southern Ontario, and presently has over 8,000 plants on over two acres of land.

Great Lakes Lavender grow and produce dried and distilled lavender for use in lavender based products, as well as wholesaling lavender for weddings, gift shops, and other venues to customers across Canada. Their lavender products include: lotion, soap, body butter, tea, honey, candles, dried lavender buds and bundles, sachets, and steam-distilled essential oil.

Great Lakes Lavender partners with the Chatham-Kent community by hosting private and school group educational tours, supporting Outreach for Hunger through festival admission proceeds, and an ongoing research project with the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus.

Great Lakes Lavender will host their 7th Annual Great Lakes Lavender Festival the first week in July, which draws thousands of people to their farm operation.

Great Lakes Lavender has seen great successes in the field and will make lavender a destination in Chatham-Kent and Ontario for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE I, Randy Hope, Mayor and CEO of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, proclaim that Great Lakes Lavender is hereby designated as "Feature Industry" for the month of June, 2012.

PROCLAIMED at Chatham-Kent, Ontario this 26th day of June, 2012.

Randy R. Hope
Mayor/CEO, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Don Shropshire
Chief Administrative Officer

On Behalf of Chatham-Kent Council:

Michael Bondy, Jim Brown, Marjorie Crew, Joe Faas, Bryon Fluker, Anne Gilbert, Karen Herman,
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