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To the Penobscot Island Air Family:

On behalf of the Town of North Haven, please accept our sincere condolences for your loss.

Kevin was a part of the fabric of the North Haven community and beyond. He served all the islands in Penobscot Bay, the entire Midcoast region, Downeast, and the southern, western, and northern reaches of the State as well. No matter where his aircraft landed, Kevin brought the same caring, compassionate commitment to get the job done. It didn't matter whether he was flying the aircraft himself or directing operations from his office at the airport. The people he supported knew he was there, representing Penobscot Island Air, and making sure they got what they needed. Across the State, you only had to mention his name and someone would reply, "sure, I know Kevin; everybody knows Kevin. He's such a great guy."

In Penobscot Island Air, Kevin provided an aerial bridge between our island and the mainland, flying people, animals, food, packages, and freight on and off North Haven, all year round. And, in talking with people from the other islands he served, North Haven's experience was not unique: Kevin was there for us all.

Yet it was Kevin's dedication to evacuating patients in need of emergency medical care that really touched each of us. Often listening to the emergency scanner himself, Kevin would be ready to dispatch an aircraft at moment's notice, wherever needed. He would fly the patient and medical providers to Knox County Regional Airport, where an ambulance would meet them. But these emergency missions did not end there. Knowing that North Haven has a small EMS crew and just one nurse practitioner, he would fly these providers back to the island immediately. In taking this extra step, he made sure our little community had the first responders we needed to meet other potential emergencies. No one who has flown off the island in an emergency will forget what Kevin and Penobscot Island Air did for them.

One of Kevin's frequent comments was, "I'm all in." These few words summarize Kevin's commitment to the people and communities he served. Few of us can live up to the dedicated level of public service Kevin set for himself and his business. Each of us is richer for having known him. We will miss him greatly.

Very truly yours,

The North Haven Select Board

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