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Attn: Bruce County Council c/o Sandra Datars Bere Chief Administrative Office

Re: Proposal to Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Save Ontario Shipwrecks (S.O.S.) is a provincial heritage organization whose mission is to promote and preserve Ontario's marine heritage. For more than 40 years we have acted as a steward of that heritage through our various community outreach programs and the tireless efforts of our many volunteers.

As President of S.O.S., I am pleased to send this letter of support for the Ontario Marine Heritage Committee's (O.M.H.C.) proposal to create **The Ontario Marine History and Underwater Archaeology Research Centre** to be hosted at the Bruce Country Museum and Cultural Centre.

S.O.S. recognizes this project and its objectives as being in line with our core mandate and strongly believes that knowledge contained in the Arthur Amos Collection should be preserved and shared.

As a long-standing partner in the management of underwater cultural heritage in Ontario, S.O.S would be happy to assist the O.M.H.C. and the Bruce County Council in any way possible.

Thank you for your consideration of the O.M.H.C. proposal and their ongoing efforts and diligence for the protection and study of Canada's maritime heritage. If there is anything that S.O.S. can do to assist you in these efforts in Ontario, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Durrell Martin President Save Ontario Shipwrecks

Cc: Board of Directors, Ontario Marine Heritage Committee

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