

Proclamation

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month May 2019

In support of Cystic Fibrosis Canada's mission to end cystic fibrosis, I, Mayor Danny Breen of the City of St. John's, hereby declare the month of May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults. There is no cure. It is a multi-system disease that attacks the lungs and digestive system. There are more than 4,300 Canadians living with cystic fibrosis. It is estimated that one in every 3,600 children born in Canada has cystic fibrosis.

Thanks to investments in CF research and care, there is hope. Canadians are living longer, healthier lives than ever before. Today 60 percent of Canadians with cystic fibrosis are adults, but of the Canadians with CF who died in 2017, half were under the age of 33. This is far too young.

We encourage our citizens to join the fight against cystic fibrosis by participating in the Walk to Make Cystic Fibrosis History at Bowring Park in St. John's on Sunday, May 26. Your support will help raise critical funds needed to find a cure or control for cystic fibrosis; and will continue to help Canadians who live with this fatal disease.

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