

Proclamation

International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD)

October 22, 2020

WHEREAS, today is intended to raise public awareness of stuttering, a poorly understood disorder that affects about 1% of the population, totaling approximately 70 million worldwide and approximately 350,000 Canadians; and

WHEREAS, today the Newfoundland and Labrador Stuttering Association focuses on its Mandate to provide Advocacy and Support for people who stutter while representing a diverse group of individuals with varied occupations, cultural identities, personal experiences, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, today, millions of children, adolescents, and adults face the daily physical, emotional, and psychological challenges of living with a stutter, including stereotyping and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, today, we must ensure that these children, adolescents, and adults who stutter can access affordable and effective speech therapy if they wish, and find help through the combined efforts of speech-language professionals and consumer support organizations; and

WHEREAS, today is an opportunity to support speech-language pathologists and allied health professionals who work with those who stutter; and

WHEREAS, today is an opportunity to ensure that the voices of people who stutter are heard by influencing and advancing issues relevant to people who stutter at all political levels; and

WHEREAS, today marks an international commitment to educate people about this complex disorder, to work toward the prevention of stuttering in children, and to support continued research to find the causes of stuttering.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.



Danny Breen, Mayor