

Proclamation

MS Awareness Month – May 2019

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, unpredictable, often disabling neurological disease affecting an estimated 100,000 Canadians; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is the most common neurological disease affecting young adults in Canada, usually diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40, and

WHEREAS, women are more than three times as likely to develop MS as men, and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely and may lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cause of, or cure for multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada, founded in 1948, is the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and programs and services for people living with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada provides approximately \$11 million for MS research each year in the fight to end MS, and since its inception in 1948, the MS Society has provided over \$140 million of funding for MS research and researchers in Canada, and

WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment of the supporters and volunteers here today could only make this possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Councillor Debbie Hanlon, do hereby proclaim/declare this month of May to be MS Awareness Month for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Atlantic Division.

Dated at St. John's this 3rd day of May, 2019.

Debbie Hanlon,
Councillor-at-Large

ST. JOHN'S