

ATTACHMENT 1

Proclamation Request

WHEREAS

Nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, advocacy, innovation, information and support.

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Arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million people in Canada – 1 in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040.

WHEREAS

During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future.

We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Plan to take on the big issues of arthritis, including prevention, equitable access to care and treatment, and elevating the urgency of the disease.

WHEREAS

Arthritis Society Canada is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

We respectfully request that Vaughan issue a proclamation declaring September Arthritis Awareness Month to help us reach your community with our message and to illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families.

Last year, 52 communities across the country helped raise awareness of the devastating impact of arthritis and we are hoping to increase our numbers this year. With your help we can achieve this goal.

If you have any questions about this request, please don't hesitate to reach out to my colleague, tle@arthritis.ca

With gratitude for your consideration,



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