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Proclamation

Kidney Month - March 2024

Whereas Each day one in ten Canadians learns that their kidneys have failed and this number is on the rise with 45% of new kidney patients under the age of 65; *and*

Whereas their survival will depend on dialysis treatments or a kidney transplant; *and*

Whereas in 2022 kidney disease was the 10th leading cause of death in Canada; *and*

Whereas the Kidney Foundation of Canada is the only national health charity serving the needs of people living with kidney disease through funding research, providing education and emotional support programs, promoting access to high quality health care and actively promoting awareness of and commitment to kidney health and organ donation; *and*

Whereas March 14th, 2024 was World Kidney Day and the Kidney Foundation Atlantic Branch raises awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems; *and*

Whereas this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Kidney Foundation of Canada, founded by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1964, at which time people experiencing kidney failure had little hope of survival, and with the help of generous supporters, have vastly improved treatment options, discoveries about early detection, education resources and achievements in advocacy;

Therefore I do hereby proclaim that the month of March be observed as “Kidney Month” in the Village of New Maryland and urge all citizens to become aware of their own kidney health, as well the importance of the organ donation registry.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of New Maryland to be affixed hereto this 20th day of March 2024.



Judy Wilson-Shee
Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee