



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Proclamation



NATIONAL HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

May 2017

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS, the fear of losing one's mind and the fear of losing control of one's body are among the most profound human fears; and

WHEREAS, both losses occur in Huntington disease, an inherited and fatal brain disorder that strikes in the prime of life; and

WHEREAS, every child of a parent with Huntington disease faces a 50% risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and there is no effective treatment and no known cure – yet; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington Society of Canada has initiated and supported research into the cause and nature of this fatal disease and the work of the Society has brought new hope to people with Huntington disease and families who bear the burden of this affliction; and

WHEREAS, research continues to offer the promise of early diagnosis, treatment techniques and ultimately a cure for Huntington disease; and

WHEREAS, the month of May will be observed as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in communities across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 as *National Huntington Disease Awareness Month* in the City of Yellowknife and urge all citizens to lend their support to the Huntington Society of Canada in its efforts to unravel, not only the mystery of Huntington disease, but also a wide range of other genetic, neurological and psychiatric disorders affecting the lives of so many Canadians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2017.



Mark Heyck
Mayor