



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

# Proclamation



**EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK (EDAW)**

**FEBRUARY 1 – 7, 2018**

**BE IT KNOWN** to whom these presents do concern;

**WHEREAS**, Eating Disorder Awareness Week will be from February 1 – 7, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) is Canada's only national organization dedicated to helping those with eating disorder, food and weight preoccupation and related issues. NEDIC provides information, education, resources and referrals to individuals with eating disorders, their families, friends and health care professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses and can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethno-racial background, socioeconomic status, gender or ability; and

**WHEREAS**, Stigma, secrecy and stereotypes still surround eating disorders, causing many people who are suffering to refrain from seeking help; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Open supportive dialogue can help break the shame and silence that affect nearly 1 million Canadians living with diagnosable eating disorders and the millions of others who are struggling with food and weight preoccupation; *and*

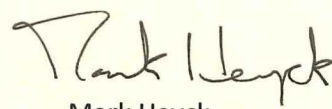
**WHEREAS**, Eating Disorder Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention. It is also a time of year for Canadians to learn about available resources and appropriate services for themselves and/or loved ones; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Eating Disorder Awareness Week aims to teach Canadians that eating disorders are not a choice, and that eating disorders are a serious and dangerous mental illness.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim February 1 – 7, 2018 as *Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW)* in the City of Yellowknife.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 22nd day of January, 2018.



  
Mark Heyck  
Mayor