

Proclamation

Kidney Health Month - March 2022

Whereas: Each day 1 in ten Canadians learn that their kidneys have failed, and this number is on the rise, 45% of new kidney patients are under 65. Their survival will depend on dialysis treatments or a kidney transplant. In 2021 kidney disease was the 10th leading cause of death in Canada. There are currently 645 people in Newfoundland and Labrador receiving dialysis treatments 3 or more times a week. There are 508 people living with functioning kidney transplants in this province, 12 people received a kidney transplant in 2021 and 44 more are on the wait list. Short term financial assistance requests increased significantly in 2021 with 90 patients receiving close to \$15,000.

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 educational and emotional support programs, promoting access to high quality health care, and, actively promoting awareness of and commitment to kidney health and organ donation.

Whereas: March 10th, 2022, is World Kidney Day and the theme is “Bridge the Knowledge Gap to Better Kidney Care.” The Kidney Foundation, Atlantic Branch aims to raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems.

Therefore: I, Mayor Danny Breen, hereby proclaim that the month of March be observed as “Kidney Health Month” in the City of St. John’s. I urge all citizens to become aware of your own kidney health and learn about the role your kidneys play in your body and the kidney disease warnings signs to look for, as well as the awareness of the importance of organ donation registry.

Signed at City Hall, St. John’s, NL on this 7th day of March, 2022.



Danny Breen, Mayor