

Proclamation

**Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) Awareness Week
June 6-12, 2022**



WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, non-communicable, debilitating inflammatory skin disease, characterized by painful skin lesions, for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS: As many as 4% of men, woman and children in NL and across Canada are living with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) but may not have a diagnosis due to lack of both patient and physician awareness; and

WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a painful, disfiguring, and disabling disease that has an adverse impact on the quality of life on those living with this disease; understanding and compassion for those with HS and timely, proper diagnosis is vital; and

WHEREAS: Treating Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a challenge for both patients and physicians as no one treatment works for everyone, some treatments lose effectiveness over time, many treatments are used in combination with other treatments and all treatments may cause a unique set of side effects; and

WHEREAS: The understanding and acceptance of the general public is an important factor in patients' treatment and health, and Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, promote education and support, recognize the struggles of those effected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: In person awareness activities are not possible this year, however, support for patients continues during social distancing with support via phone and online and the medical treatment and care for patients continues, both virtually and in person when necessary.

WHEREAS: HS Heroes, a registered Not-For-Profit, is a community for people living with HS dedicated to increasing awareness, educating, and advocating for those whose lives have been affected by the disease, whether a patient, family member, friend, caregiver, or health care professional.

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THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim June 6 – 12, 2022, as Hidradenitis Suppurative (HS) Awareness Week in the City of St. John's. Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 6th day of June, 2022.



Danny Breen, Mayor