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**Subject:** FW: Proclamation request: May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

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**From:** Sandra Niven  
**Sent:** March 24, 2020 5:02 PM  
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Hello,

I would like to submit a request for a proclamation, that May is 'Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month'. I realise that, with the ongoing coronavirus restrictions, I cannot appear in person but am happy to make a call, if needed.

About CF: <https://www.cysticfibrosis.ca/about-cf>

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults. At present, there is no cure. CF causes various effects on the body, but mainly affects the digestive system and lungs. The degree of CF severity differs from person to person, however, the persistence and ongoing infection in the lungs, with destruction of lungs and loss of lung function, will eventually lead to death in the majority of people with CF.

Below (and attached) is the draft proclamation wording for your consideration:

WHEREAS the exceptional progress that has been made in Canada in cystic fibrosis research and care for many Canadians who battle this progressive disease every day merits recognition, and

WHEREAS cystic fibrosis affects 4,371 Canadians and is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults, and

WHEREAS Cystic Fibrosis Canada is one of the world's top charitable organizations committed to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis, and

WHEREAS since 1960, Cystic Fibrosis Canada has invested more than \$261 million in leading research, innovation and care, resulting in one of the world's highest survival rates for people living with cystic fibrosis, and

WHEREAS, thanks to significant progress in cystic fibrosis care, the majority of Canadian children with cystic fibrosis will reach adulthood, and

WHEREAS Cystic Fibrosis Canada is committed to ensuring that those living with cystic fibrosis have access to the innovative treatments and medications they need to live healthier and longer lives, and

WHEREAS British Columbians are urged to lend their whole-hearted support, most particularly in the month of May, towards the goal of finding a cure for cystic fibrosis;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 2020 shall be known as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

## Sandra

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