

Proclamation request

WHEREAS

Community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society Canada's 75-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy, and evidence-based information and patient-centered support.

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Arthritis is not *just* arthritis. Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040.

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During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we seek to raise voices and awareness, and we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis – and all those who know and love them – to fight the fire of arthritis.

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The Arthritis Society Canada is a Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

We respectfully request that the Town of Langley issue a proclamation declaring September as Arthritis Awareness Month to help us reach residents of Langley with our message and to illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families.

We additionally request that Langley City Hall is lit up in blue on Thursday, October 12 in support of World Arthritis Day. This request has been sent to communities and monuments across Canada, and we look forward to sharing pictures on social media of a nation united in this important cause. Please join us!

Last year, 47 buildings in 34 communities across the country glowed blue for AAM, we are hoping to increase our numbers this year. With your help we can achieve this goal. Should you have any questions about this request, please don't hesitate to reach out to my colleague, Liz Winiker at lwiniker@arthritis.ca.

With gratitude for your consideration,

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