

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: September is known as Arthritis awareness Month during

which time the Arthritis Society promotes public awareness about this chronic disease that can affect children, adults

and the elderly; and

WHEREAS: the Society educates people about this disease through the

Arthritis Information Line, the Arthritis Society's website, the Arthritis Public Forum series, the Arthritis Self-Management Program, and Chronic Pain Management

Workshops; and

WHEREAS: the Society strives to build positive relationships with

elected officials in an effort to establish equitable access to

care and treatment for arthritis; and

WHEREAS: through education, support, understanding and awareness of

arthritis, The Society helps nearly 4.5 million people and raises funds through door-to-door canvassing and initiatives

such as Go Blue & Give Too and Bluebird sales; and

WHEREAS: arthritis awareness Month will focus on communities

committing to a world without arthritis, providing help to those living with arthritis and supporting innovative research to ultimately find a cure for this debilitating

disease.

NOW THEREFORE: I, **Mayor Don Darling**, of **Saint John** do hereby proclaim the month of September as **Arthritis Awareness Month** in the City of Saint John.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Mayor of the City of Saint John.

