



The City of Saint John

## ***PROCLAMATION***


***WHEREAS:*** The right to pursue the truth through free inquiry is essential to democratic decision-making; and

***WHEREAS:*** The freedom to read is the essence of free inquiry; and

***WHEREAS:*** The freedom to read is under assault from left and right in our society.

***THEREFORE:*** Be it resolved that Saint John Common Council recognizes, reaffirms, and defends the right of the citizens in this community individually to decide what he or she will or will not read (the freedom to read); and

Further in support of this resolution, this Council, on behalf of the citizens of Saint John, proclaims this city henceforth a Freedom to Read Zone in which the freedom to read is inviolable.

***NOW THEREFORE:*** I, *Mayor Don Darling*,  of *Saint John* do hereby proclaim the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as “Freedom to Read Week” 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.**

