




The City of Saint John

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:*** The fear of losing one's mind and the fear of losing control of one's body are among the most profound human fears; and
- WHEREAS:*** Both losses occur in Huntington disease, an inherited and fatal brain disorder that strikes in the prime of life; and
- WHEREAS:*** Every child of a parents with Huntington disease faces a 50 percent risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and there is no effective treatment and no known cure - yet; and
- WHEREAS:*** The Huntington Society of Canada has initiated and supported research into the cause and nature of this fatal disease, and the work of the Society has brought new hope to the people with Huntington disease and families who bear the burden of this affliction; and
- WHEREAS:*** Research continues to offer the promise of early diagnosis, treatment techniques and ultimately a cure for Huntington disease; and
- WHEREAS:*** The month of May will be observed as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in communities across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE: I, ***Mayor Don Darling,***  of ***Saint John*** do hereby proclaim May 2019, as "Huntington Disease Awareness Month" in the City of Saint John and urge all our citizens to lend their support to the Huntington Society of Canada in its efforts to unravel, not only the mystery of Huntington disease, but also a wide range of other genetic, neurological and psychiatric disorders affecting the lives of so many Canadians.

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

