

*The Corporation of the
Town of Cochrane*

Be it known to all that

Lupus Awareness Day

May 10, 2023

Proclamation

***WHEREAS** Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease where the body attacks itself causing inflammation, pain, and can damage any organ or tissue from the skin or joints to the heart, kidneys, or brain. Currently without a cure, five million people suffer from lupus globally, of which nine out of ten lupus patients are women, usually diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 45.*

***WHEREAS** Lupus Awareness Day which serves to call attention to the impact that lupus has on people around the world, focuses on the need for heightened public awareness of lupus, improved patient healthcare services, increased research into the causes of and desperately needed treatments for lupus, enhanced physician diagnosis of lupus, and better epidemiological data on lupus globally.*

***WHEREAS** Lupus affects more than just the person with the disease -- it also impacts their family, friends, and work colleagues. Still, it is widely under-recognized as a global health problem by the public, health professionals, and governments, driving the need for greater awareness. Early recognition, diagnosis and treatment of lupus is key helping to slow the debilitating effects of the disease. However, lupus is often difficult to diagnose because symptoms frequently mimic common illnesses. Increasing awareness of lupus will save lives.*



WHEREAS Lupus Ontario is the largest Canadian provincial organization focused on improving the lives of lupus patients and their families. Lupus Ontario's mission is to provide vital support, education, awareness, advocacy, and research through the fundraising efforts of our staff and volunteer community to help those with lupus live longer, healthier, and better lives.

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Town of Cochrane supports Lupus Ontario in recognition of Lupus Awareness Day, May 10, 2023

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Peter Politis, Mayor of the Town of Cochrane, and Members of Council do hereby proclaim May 10, 2023, as LUPUS AWARENESS DAY in the Town of Cochrane.

Dated this 11th Day of April, 2023

Mayor