



**The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee hereby proclaims May 10, 2024, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in the Town of Greater Napanee.**

**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;**

**AND 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;**

**AND 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 to help 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;**

**AND 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.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Greater Napanee HEREBY PROCLAIMS May 10, 2024, be recognized as Lupus Awareness Day in the Town of Greater Napanee.**

**Mayor Terry Richardson**