

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness,

funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones;

and

WHEREAS: Amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein, known as

amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease

can result in organ failure and can be fatal; and

WHEREAS: Amyloidosis can mimic the signs and symptoms of more common medical

conditions and the disease can be challenging to diagnose; and

WHEREAS: Some of the signs and symptoms of amyloidosis can include shortness of breath,

> weight loss, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and legs, numbness in the hands and feet, foamy urine, carpal tunnel syndrome, bruising around the eyes, and an enlarged

tongue; and.

WHEREAS: Early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for both patients and their families; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-

hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to the building of healthier

communities across Canada.

NOW THEREFORE.

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Red Deerians to help raise awareness for Amyloidosis affects citizens in our community and to support national research efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and cause the Official Seal of The City of Red Deer,

Alberta, to be affixed.

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