



**WELLINGTON NORTH**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **DECLARATION OF MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK - SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> to 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

At the September 14, 2020 meeting, the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North proclaimed the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK"

*THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the request from Heather Aitken to declare the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK".*

*WHEREAS Approximately 9000 Canadians have definitive mitochondrial disease; and*

*WHEREAS MitoCanada Foundation strives to find a cure for mitochondrial disease through research;*

*WHEREAS There will be running, and walking, and other events in honour of those who have mitochondrial diseases and can't run or walk; and*

*WHEREAS Mitochondrial disease awareness will be achieved and more people can be educated on a disease that affects many Canadians all over the world.*

*NOW, THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North hereby proclaims the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> - September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as "MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK"*

Mitochondrial disease impacts approximately 10,000 Canadians with a variety of symptoms. For more information on Mitochondrial disease and how you can help fund research please go to <https://mitocanada.org/>