

Proclamation

Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) Awareness Week

June 3 - 9, 2019

- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, non-communicable, debilitating inflammatory skin disease, characterized by painful skin lesions, for which there is no known cure; and
- WHEREAS: As many as 4% of men, women and children in Newfoundland & Labrador and across Canada are living with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) but may not have a diagnosis due to lack of both patient and physician awareness; and
- WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a painful, disfiguring, and disabling disease that has an adverse impact on the quality of life on those living with this disease; understanding and compassion for those with HS and timely, proper diagnosis is vital; and
- WHEREAS: Treating Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a challenge for both patients and physicians as no one treatment works for everyone, some treatments lose effectiveness over time, many treatments are used in combination with other treatments and all treatments may cause a unique set of side effects; and
- WHEREAS: The understanding and acceptance of the general public is an important factor in patient's treatment and health, and Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week provides an opportunity to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, promote education and support, recognize the struggles of those effected, and shorten the delay in diagnosis; and
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that I, **Sheilagh O'Leary, Acting Mayor of the City of St. John's**, do hereby proclaim this week as "Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week" and encourage all citizens to become involved in activities organized throughout this week.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2019.

Acting Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary

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