

PROCLAMATION: DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 382 million people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than nine million Canadians live with diabetes or prediabetes, and

WHEREAS, this means one in four Canadians either has diabetes or prediabetes, and

WHEREAS, 1.46 million Ontarians currently live with diabetes, and

WHEREAS, the cost of diabetes in Canada is approximately \$13.5 billion and is expected to rise to \$17 billion by 2024, and

WHEREAS, the cost of diabetes in Ontario is approximately \$5.8 billion and is expected to rise to \$7.6 billion by 2024, and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to raise funds for research into better methods of treatment, and ultimately a cure, and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Diabetes Association is leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while working to find a cure, and

WHEREAS, maintaining positive health and wellness can in many cases lead to the prevention of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes as well as better diabetes management, and

WHEREAS, this year, the Diabetes Awareness Month campaign focuses on prevention and early detection of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes and people across Canada are being encouraged to take the CANRISK test at DontBeRisky.ca, and

WHEREAS, the Canadian Diabetes Association encourages governmental and non-governmental organizations to observe Diabetes Awareness Month and recognize World Diabetes Day in order to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications, and

THEREFORE, I, Mayor John McCharles, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14th, 2014 as World Diabetes Day in the Town of Petrolia. I call upon all citizens to combat this disease and its life-threatening complications by familiarizing themselves with the diabetes warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices and by accessing the best quality of care that Ontario provides to its citizens with diabetes.

Dated at Petrolia, this 6th day of October, 2014.



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John McCharles, Mayor