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**LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO**

**PROCLAMATION**

**OCTOBER**  
**IS**  
**'LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH'**

- WHEREAS Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and in some cases, death and
- WHEREAS More than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over one hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age, and
- WHEREAS Medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and
- WHEREAS Many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS There is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and
- WHEREAS There is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;
- NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Hector Macmillan, do hereby proclaim the month of October as "**Lupus Awareness Month**" in the Municipality of Trent Hills.

When lupus organizations around the world call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

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Mayor Hector Macmillan