



MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: March proclaimed Amyloidosis Awareness Month

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – March has been proclaimed Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Town of Amherst.

“One of council’s priorities is the health of all of our citizens,” Mayor David Kogon said, as he signed the proclamation on behalf of the Amherst town council.

“Raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to building a healthier community here in Amherst, the province and across the country.”



**MAYOR DAVID KOGON SIGNS A PROCLAMATION THAT DECLARES THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE AMYLOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST.
(TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)**

The proclamation notes amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when a normal protein, known as an amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can result in organ failure and can be fatal.

It also notes the disease can mimic the symptoms of more common medical conditions. As a result, it can be challenging to diagnose.





Some of the signs and symptoms 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.

“I encourage our citizens to use Amyloidosis Awareness month to learn about the disease and to encourage anyone with symptoms to see a doctor because early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for patients and their families,” Kogon said.

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