



## **Amyloidosis Awareness Month March 2023**

**WHEREAS** March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS** Amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein, known as amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can result in organ failure and can be fatal; and

**WHEREAS** Amyloidosis can mimic the signs and symptoms of more common medical conditions and the disease can be challenging to diagnose; and

**WHEREAS** Amyloidosis often affects people who are older or middle aged; however, younger people have been diagnosed with this disease; and

**WHEREAS** Some of the signs and symptoms of amyloidosis 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; and

**WHEREAS** Early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for both patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS** Raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to the building of healthier communities across Canada.

**THEREFORE** Members of Okotoks Town Council, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Town of Okotoks.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023

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