



**POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026**

WHEREAS: Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases, affecting approximately 1 in 400 to 1 in 1,000 people. Today, thousands of Canadians and millions of people worldwide live with PKD; and

WHEREAS: PKD causes abnormal cyst to develop and grow in the kidneys, and the enlargement of cysts causes kidney function to decline; and

WHEREAS: The PKD Foundation of Canada is the only national charitable organization dedicated to fighting PKD through programs of research, advocacy, education, support, and awareness in order to discover vital treatments and a cure for PKD and improve the lives of all it affects; and

WHEREAS: PKD Awareness Day is an opportunity to step up efforts and provide a platform to widely spread the word, share stories, and encourage others to learn more; and

HEREAS: This September the PKD Foundation of Canada is hosting its Annual Walk to END PKD at cities across Canada, signifying a united group, moving towards treatment and a cure for PKD; and

WHEREAS: Since 2007, the Walk to END PKD has raised more than \$2,825,000 toward finding treatments and providing education and support services to those suffering from the disease. More information can be found at www.endpkd.ca .

THEREFORE: Members of Okotoks Town Council do hereby proclaim September 4, 2026 as PKD Awareness Day, and a special occasion in the Town of Okotoks.

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