PROCLAMATION

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week

WHEREAS: Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a debilitating and painful autoimmune skin disease that currently does not have a cure. A formal diagnosis of this disease takes an average of 7 years, due to lack of knowledge and misdiagnosis there is a high rate of depression and anxiety among the patients.

1-4% of Canadians are affected by HS. However, due to the lack the proper treatment received in a timely manner one's quality of life is deeply affected. HS Awareness week gives patient advocate groups, doctors, scientists, and patients the opportunity to bring awareness and educate others of the disease.

Hidradenitis & Me is a support group for those who suffer from HS which focuses on self-care and encourages patients to live and enjoy life.

By raising awareness about HS an early diagnosis is possible and can significantly reduce the mental, physical, and emotional trauma a person would experience.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2021 as “Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton