



PROCLAMATION

Stroke and Aphasia Awareness Month

June 2024

Whereas a stroke occurs every 5 minutes in Canada resulting in physical, emotional, cognitive and communication impairments; and

Whereas aphasia is a language disorder affecting 30% of stroke survivors impacting a person's ability to use and comprehend language, it does not affect intelligence; and

Whereas VON is a not-for-profit organization providing post-stroke information, social, emotional and communication supports and stroke-specific exercise programs for both stroke survivors and their families to better cope with life changes related to stroke; and

Whereas persons with stroke and/or aphasia benefit from community supports to promote positive outcomes and improved quality of life; and

Whereas the Greater Kingston VON Stroke Services encourage community members to recognize the warning signs of stroke and to immediately call 911; and

Whereas the Greater Kingston VON Stroke Services encourages community members to learn about aphasia and how to become better communication partners to promote accessible communication.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of June to be "Stroke and Aphasia Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 20th day of March, 2024.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor