



PROCLAMATION

Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month

October 2024

Whereas October is Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month around the world and is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing public knowledge, and diminishing stereotypes and negative misconceptions about dwarfism; and

Whereas there are over 400 different types of dwarfism, each with its own set of physical, psychological and social challenges; and

Whereas many of the barriers and obstacles faced by individuals with dwarfism are put in place by society, even before any potential medical complications of dwarfism are considered; and

Whereas there are many offensive and inappropriate names for individuals with dwarfism used by society, but people with dwarfism prefer to be called by their name, or by terms such as 'short statured individual', or 'little person'.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 to be 'Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month' in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 4th day of September, 2024

Bryan Paterson
Mayor