



## PROCLAMATION

### Arthritis Awareness Month

September 2024

**Whereas** nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, innovation, information and support; and

**Whereas** arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million people in Canada – 1 in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with Arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and

**Whereas** during Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the advertising impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future; and

**Whereas** Arthritis Society Canada is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 14th day of August, 2024.

Bryan Paterson  
Mayor