



PROCLAMATION

LYMPHEDEMA AWARENESS DAY

March 6th, 2020

WHEREAS approximately 380,000 Ontario residents currently suffer from Lymphedema. Lymphedema is a chronic swelling of a body part caused by an accumulation of lymph fluid. It can result from cancer treatment, surgery, trauma or a genetic deficiency that has affected one's lymph nodes. Though not curable it can be managed with effective intervention including self-care. If left uncontrolled it can become a debilitating condition;

WHEREAS the Lymphedema Association of Ontario (LAO) is a patient-advocacy organization committed to providing resources and information to those affected by lymphedema. The LAO operates a therapist listing where patients can find certified lymphedema therapists in the area suitable for them; and

WHEREAS awareness, for patients, caregivers and health-care providers, is key to combatting this challenging condition. Raising lymphedema awareness would touch persons without lymphedema but at risk, and those with it but unaware. IT would also recognize the significant burden imposed by this condition on those currently diagnosed as well as their caregivers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, hereby proclaims the day of March 6th as Lymphedema Awareness Day.

*Dated at the Town of Aurora
This 3rd day of March, 2020.*