From: Usick,Karen <<u>Karen.Usick@niagarahealth.on.ca</u>> Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:25 PM Subject: Proclamation Request - Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day

I am contacting you today on behalf of the Niagara Health System's – Hepatitis C Care Clinic.

In May of 2016, Canada's Health Minister – Jane Philpott signed on to the World Health Organizations (WHO)'s first ever-Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.

To support Canada's Global strategy, all provinces and communities across Canada are working together to raise awareness. I am delighted to announce that we once again will be hosting a Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day awareness event.

We will join our national partners on Thursday May 9, 2024 to recognize this very important awareness day! Our program will be collaborating with the Niagara Health System's – Niagara Falls Site at 5546 Portage Road, Niagara Falls. Our Community event will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Hepatitis C Care Clinic event will encourage individuals to learn about hepatitis, liver health, how to receive testing, hepatitis C treatment and the care and services of our program. Our community event will also allow us to highlight the services of our Mental Health and Addiction program's care and the care and services of the many community partners that will be joining us at our street-based Health and Social Services Fair. We invite you to join us at our awareness day event! Please feel free to contact me for further details of the event!

Are you wondering how you can help! We are inviting you to join with our awareness campaign and national partners to proclaim Thursday May 9, 2024, as Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day throughout the 12 municipalities of Niagara. Together we are strong . . . we can join together to raise awareness and to help individuals throughout Niagara.

We are a specially funded program through the Ministry of Health's – Hepatitis C Secretariat to bring care and services to the community... to individuals who may not know where to seek the help they need!

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Hope you have a lovely afternoon and a wonderful weekend!

Take care and stay safe!

Karen

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