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**Subject:** Proclamation Request - Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day (Can Hep Day)

Greetings everyone

I am touching base on behalf of the Niagara Health System's – Hepatitis C Care Clinic to share with you about how we will be joining our national partners to raise awareness of viral hepatitis.

In May 2016, Canada signed on to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s first ever Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal of eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. On Wednesday May 11, 2022, Action Hepatitis Canada was joined by CanHepC, CanHepB, the Canadian Liver Foundation . . . and the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver to mark the inaugural "Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day / Can Hep Day" in Ottawa.

To support the global strategy, all provinces and communities across Canada are working together to raise awareness. On May 11, 2023, The Hepatitis C Care Clinic will be joining our national partners to raise awareness of "Can Hep Day" here in Niagara.

Our program will be hosting our inaugural Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day (Can Hep Day) to raise awareness of hepatitis and liver health. The Hepatitis C Care Clinic community awareness event will encourage individuals to learn about hepatitis, liver health, how to receive hepatitis C testing, hepatitis C treatment ... and the care and services of our program.

In addition, our community partners will be joining us at our street-based health and social services fair, which take place at St. Andrews United Church-5645 Morrison Street, Niagara Falls from 11:00 am. To 3:00 pm. Event attendees will learn about the care and

services of the Hepatitis C Care Clinic . . . and the care and services of our community partners.

Are you wondering how you can help! We are inviting you to join with our awareness campaign and national partners to proclaim Thursday May 11, 2023, 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 the residents throughout Niagara. 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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