

June 28, 2021

Moved by Councillor Seconded by Councillor

WHEREAS over 194,000 Canadians living with hepatitis C and approximately 380,710 living with hepatitis B can potentially develop cirrhosis, liver failure, liver cancer and related illnesses; and

WHEREAS Ontario has over 110,000 people living with hepatitis B or C, both of which are slow and progressive diseases; and

WHEREAS there are vaccines available for Hepatitis A and B; emerging Hepatitis C treatment therapies can cure over 95% of cases; and

WHEREAS World Hepatitis Day provides an opportunity to reach out to millions of Canadians and encourage hepatitis testing, provide treatment and care for those affected while paving the way towards elimination of hepatitis as a public health concern in Canada by 2030;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor William C. Steele, do hereby proclaim July 28th, 2021 as **"World Hepatitis Day"** in the City of Port Colborne.

William C. Steele Mayor