



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

"DWARFISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH" OCTOBER 2019

- WHEREAS:** October is Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month in many countries of the world and is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing public knowledge, and diminishing stereotypes and negative misconceptions about dwarfism.; and
- WHEREAS:** Today, there are many organizations around the world dedicated to educating society and helping people with dwarfism such as, the Little People of Canada (LPC), The Little People of British Columbia (LPBC), the Association of Little People of Alberta (ALPA), the Little People of Saskatchewan (LPS), The Little People of Manitoba (LPM), the Little People of Ontario (LPO), Association québécoise des personnes de petite taille (AQPPT) and the Little People of America (LPA); and
- WHEREAS:** The LPO was started in 1965 and to this day has been operated entirely by volunteers, who are dedicated to raising awareness and providing resources to individuals with dwarfism as well as their family and friends; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 1 in 10000 people are born with dwarfism, eighty percent of them have average height parents and siblings who have a 50-50 chance of passing the dwarfism gene on to their child; and
- WHEREAS:** There are over 250 different types of dwarfism which affect bone growth resulting in a typical height range of 0.81m to 1.47m (2'8" to 4'10"); and
- WHEREAS:** Each type of dwarfism has its own set of physical, psychological and social challenges; the LP community doesn't like to think of short stature itself as a disability. Many of the barriers and obstacles are put in place by society, even before any potential medical complications of dwarfism are considered; and
- WHEREAS,** With most individuals with dwarfism, intelligence is not a factor in nor related to their skeletal dysplasia. Many individuals lead typical, long and fulfilling lives; have families, hold a job, the same as someone of average height; and
- WHEREAS,** The word "midget" is declared inappropriate and offensive. Individuals with dwarfism prefer to be called by their name, or other appropriate terms such as short statured individual, or little person (LP) or with the medical terminology use of dwarf; and



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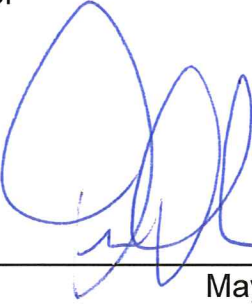
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WHEREAS, October 25th is recognized as Dwarfism Awareness Day, and aims to raise awareness and further educate individuals about dwarfism.;

THEREFORE I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim;

OCTOBER, 2019
“DWARFISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH”
in the City of Windsor



Mayor