

PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR

Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month September 2026

Whereas the human body is fuelled by trillions of microscopic powerhouses called mitochondria. Present in almost every cell in our bodies, these tiny but mighty, energy-producing structures generate the energy we need to survive. When there is dysfunction with these important structures in one or more parts of our bodies, we see Mitochondrial Diseases appear; and

Whereas there are hundreds of mitochondrial diseases that are difficult to diagnose, meaning that many people do not realize they have these diseases. There is a strong need for more mitochondrial disease research to support those living with and caring for a loved one with mitochondrial disease, and for clinicians to be able to treat Canadians living with mitochondrial disease; and

Whereas September is Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month (MDAM). This milestone reflects the incredible commitment of the mitoCommunity, who have spent years raising awareness, sharing their stories, and building momentum across Canada. This initiative helps to raise awareness for mitochondrial diseases in Canada, and across the globe, which can be crucial for the development of treatments, research on the disease, and providing support to those living with mitochondrial disease.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Mayor Joe Branco, do hereby proclaim September 2026 to be designated as **Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month** in the City of Wetaskiwin.

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Joe Branco, Mayor