PROCLAMATION

Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day

WHEREAS: January 26 marks the anniversary of the day in 1961 that Japanese doctor Tomisaku Kawasaki began to recognize a cluster of symptoms that led to the classification of Kawasaki disease. Kawasaki disease is the leading cause of heart disease in children under five.

Early diagnosis is a matter of life or death and/or lifelong coronary distress. The window for diagnosis is a mere 10 days; when undiagnosed and untreated, this heart-wrenching disease leads to long-term complications, coronary artery aneurysms that may ultimately result in heart attacks, congestive heart failure or sudden death.

Approximately 650 Canadian children under the age of five will be affected by Kawasaki disease annually and approximately 25% of these children will develop permanent heart damage.

Kawasaki Disease Canada is the only Canadian national charity working to improve outcomes of Kawasaki disease and strives to be at the forefront of Kawasaki disease issues by collaborating with families affected by the disease and medical professionals.

Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day will be recognized through various activities, which are aimed at increasing awareness of Kawasaki disease among all residents of Brampton. As a growing urban centre, with many young families, this increased awareness can help avoid late and missed diagnoses, saving a child from permanent heart damage or even death.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2024 as “Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton