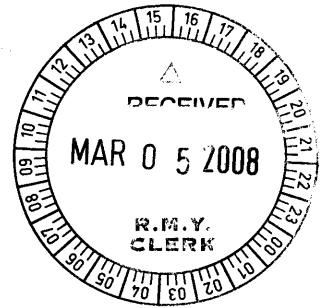


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March 4, 2008

Please Distribute to all Members of Council

Chair

Dear Colleagues:

The City of Kingston Council would like to make you aware of this Proclamation, entitled "WORLD MALARIA DAY, April 25th, 2008. This proclamation launches the city's drive to "net a village" in Africa. The City of Kingston invites other municipalities across Canada to join in this initiative.

City of Kingston Council Motion on World Malaria Day :

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Matheson

WHEREAS malaria is the leading killer of children in Africa, taking a child's life every 30 seconds; and,
WHEREAS on April 25th, 2000, at the African Summit in Abuja, Nigeria, Africa Malaria Day was declared as April 25th as a commitment by all nations to halve the burden of malaria by 2010; and,
WHEREAS April 25th is also known and recognized as World Malaria Day by the international community; and,

WHEREAS the United Nations acknowledges the importance of the need to halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria not only as a goal in itself, but as an essential path toward achieving all the Millennium Development Goals by the target day of 2015; and,

WHEREAS Canadian citizens make an immense contribution to improving quality of life in communities around the world through their efforts as volunteers and supporters of international cooperation and partnership; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kingston is committed to international cooperation and partnership to improve the quality of life of all people; and,

WHEREAS "BUY-A-NET Malaria Prevention Group", a Kingston based registered charitable Canadian citizen-driven volunteer initiative, believes that together, as united citizens against malaria, we can prevent malaria and alleviate the pain and suffering inflicted upon people (particularly children and pregnant women) in Africa through the procurement and distribution of long lasting insecticide treated bed nets and anti-malaria medicines free-of-charge, one village at a time; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kingston was host to the first annual Canadian event in support of World Malaria Day; and,

WHEREAS Kingston was the first city in Canada to proclaim April 25th as World Malaria Day; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kingston urges organizations and citizens of Kingston to consider contributing what they can to prevent the incidence of malaria in Africa; and,

WHEREAS the designation of Fort Henry in Kingston and the Rideau Canal as a UNESCO World Heritage Destination has a connection to malaria in that 100's of worker died building this infrastructure that is so important to Canadian history and our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS it takes so little to make a difference; for \$350.00 a village in Africa can be provided with bed nets thereby greatly reducing the incidence of malaria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Councillors kick-off a City of Kingston drive to "net a village" in Africa by encouraging personal contributions to the campaign; and,

CARRIED**(With Agreed To Amendments)**