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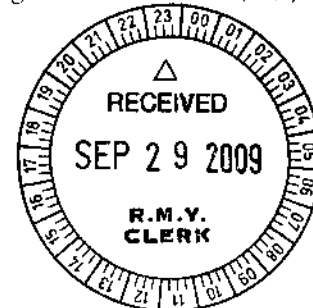
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Mayor & Council Members
Regional Municipality of York
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Re: **"October is Lupus Awareness Month"**

Dear Mayor & Council Members:



Lupus Foundation of Ontario has been serving the citizens of Ontario for the past 33 years. During this time, we have noticed an alarming increase in the numbers of those seeking information for their health concerns. Many requests are from parents of young children and adolescents who have been positively diagnosed with systemic lupus.

We would like to request that you read our Proclamation during a Council meeting to inform everyone in your community that lupus is a serious illness that, unfortunately, many are still unaware. We receive no funding from governmental sources and our public awareness campaigns are most efficient through our grass roots initiatives.

There are many Ontarians who have been diagnosed with lupus throughout our province. By reading our Proclamation during your meeting and by declaring ***October as Lupus Awareness Month***, you will greatly assist our Foundation in educating all citizens that our Foundation exists and that help is just a telephone call away.

Each month, over 250,000 hits are recorded on our website. Through personal and corporate donations, Memoriam contributions and membership fees, we have donated in excess of \$1,400,000 over the years for much-needed and valued research.

Your assistance with this awareness initiative will allow us to help others to help themselves. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst

LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

PROCLAMATION

Lupus Awareness Month

October, 2009

- Whereas: Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and*
- Whereas: More than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over one hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and*
- Whereas: Medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and*
- Whereas: Many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and*
- Whereas: There is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and*
- Whereas: There is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;*

Now

Therefore

*I, _____
month of October 2009 as:*

hereby proclaim the

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

When we request increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.