



# PROCLAMATION

**The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
Proclaims May 9, 2025**

## “CANADIAN VIRAL HEPATITIS ELIMINATION DAY”

**WHEREAS,** hepatitis B and C are among Canada’s most burdensome infectious diseases, measured in liver damage, cancer, lives lost, and significant costs to our public healthcare system; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 250,000 are living with hepatitis B, and more than 204,000 people in Canada are living with hepatitis C; and

**WHEREAS,** hepatitis B is vaccine preventable and treatable, and hepatitis C is curable; and

**WHEREAS,** Canada has committed to eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030; and

**WHEREAS,** Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day provides an opportunity to highlight the need for policies that support easy access to testing, treatment, and care for those affected, paving the way toward elimination; and

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, do hereby declare May 9, 2025, “2025 Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day” in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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**Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa**