PROCLAMATION

World Mitochondrial Disease Week

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.

World Mitochondrial Disease Week this year is from September 16 - 22nd. This week's goal is to raise awareness for mitochondrial health and diseases on a global scale.

The initiative helps to raise awareness for mitochondrial diseases in Canada and across the globe, which can be crucial for the development of treatments, research, and providing support to those living with Mito.

There are hundreds of mitochondrial diseases, and because mito is very hard to diagnose, many people don't realize that 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 mito, and for clinicians to be able to diagnose and treat Canadians living with mito.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim September 16-22, 2024 as "World Mitochondrial Disease Week" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton