



# Proclamation

World Mitochondrial Disease Week

September 16 – 22, 2024

**WHEREAS** The human body is fueled 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.

**WHEREAS** 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.

**WHEREAS** 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 on the disease, and providing support to those living with mito.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim September 16 – 22, 2024, as “World Mitochondrial Disease Week” in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey