

Whereas approximately 204,000 Canadians are living with hepatitis C and over 250,000 people are living with hepatitis B;

Whereas people living with hepatitis B and C have an increased risk of developing cirrhosis, liver failure and related illnesses;

Whereas Ontario has over 110,000 people living with hepatitis B or C, both of which are slow and progressive diseases; and

Whereas there are vaccines available for Hepatitis A and B; effective Hepatitis C treatment therapies can cure over 95% of cases; and

Whereas World Hepatitis Day provides an opportunity to reach out to millions of Canadians and encourage hepatitis testing, provide treatment and care for those affected while paving the way towards elimination of hepatitis as a public health concern in Canada by 2030;

Therefore be it resolved that I, Mayor Jeff Jordan, do hereby proclaim July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as "World Hepatitis Day" in Grimsby.

ordan, Mayor July 7, 2025