

City of St. Thomas

St. Thomas City Council:

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City Clerks Dept.

Your Worship:

This is the 21st year St. Thomas has been advocating for FASD International Awareness Day. CanFASD is promoting that all monuments in Ontario, like Jumbo in St. Thomas, be lit up during International FASD Awareness Month, bringing greater attention to Ontario to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

This is an application that needs my attention. I ask St. Thomas City Council to light up Jumbo in Red Lights from Sept 05 to 12, 2025, to recognize International FASD Awareness Day. If Ontario plans to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, youth can be accommodated in school and receive services from workers who understand FASD.

The St Thomas Downtown Development Board supports FASD Awareness. Coordinating the installation of the '**Red Shoes Rock Let's Stamp out the Stigma**' FASD banner in the same time frame.

I will not need to make a deputation to explain this new event of lighting Jumbo in Red. If available, I will bring forward my original application for the FASD Proclamation at City Hall on Sept. 09. at 9:09 AM to ring the bells closer to the event.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas: children are our most important resource, and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

Whereas: statistics indicate that as many as one in every one hundred babies born in our country suffer some degree of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder FASD (which includes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome FAS, Alcohol Related Neurodevelopment Disorder ARND, and Alcohol Related Birth Defects ARBD) be it of very minor or major degree and

Whereas: individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in Canada and industrial nations throughout the world face the risk of mental retardation or learning disabilities, in early school dropout, in homelessness, in addictiveness and often in trouble with the law and other mental illnesses; and

Whereas: statistics show that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder although not curable by any medications, is 100% preventable and can be eradicated if mothers are drug and alcohol-free during pregnancy, and

Whereas: to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women who are pregnant are provided with support and information, and

Whereas: parents, professionals, caretakers, and individuals living with FASD around the world will observe International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day on Sept. 9, with a bell ringing ceremony within the community at 9:09 am.

Therefore; Be it Resolved that the Mayor and the Council of the City of St. Thomas do hereby Proclaim September 9, 1999 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day in the city of St. Thomas and surrounding area and further that the city of St. Thomas ring the bells at city hall at 9:09 AM in recognition of those who suffer the effects of alcohol and drug abuse before they were born and encourage the community to learn more about this disabling, preventable condition.