



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NORTH BAY, ONTARIO
PROCLAMATION**

**Arthritis Awareness Month
~ September 1, 2026~**

- WHEREAS:** Nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 78-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, advocacy, innovation, information and support; and
- WHEREAS:** Arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. More than six million people in Canada – 1 in 5 – live with the brutal realities of arthritis every day and there is no cure. It is the leading cause of disability in Canada and costs our economy \$45.9 billion in healthcare expenses and lost productivity. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2045; and
- WHEREAS:** During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future. We recognize the work underway and have developed a nationwide action plan, *Arthritis Action Now: The Plan to End Arthritis*, Canada's first actionable, coordinated strategy to prevent, better treat, and ultimately cure arthritis through advocacy efforts and research investments; and
- WHEREAS:** Arthritis Society Canada is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Chirico, Mayor of the City of North Bay, do hereby proclaim
September as Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of North Bay.**

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the seal of this City to be affixed





Mayor Peter Chirico

Dated this 1st day of September 2026