PROCLAMATION

Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day

WHEREAS: January 26 is the anniversary of the day in 1961 that Dr. Tomisaku Kawasaki began to recognize a cluster of symptoms that led to the classification "Kawasaki disease". Kawasaki disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children and affects children around the globe. Over 50 years later, the cause of the disease is still unknown.

Early diagnosis is a matter of life or death and/or lifelong coronary distress. Early detection is critical; increased awareness of early symptoms is imperative to diagnosis and effective treatment.

Kawasaki Disease Canada is the only Canadian national charity working to improve outcomes of Kawasaki disease and strives to be at the forefront of Kawasaki disease issues by collaborating with families affected by the disease and medical professionals.

Kawasaki Disease Canada supports international partners in the quest to increase awareness and is pursuing this proclamation across Canada. We want Kawasaki disease to be top of mind for Canadians to increase awareness and save children's hearts from the effects of Kawasaki disease.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2026, as "Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day" in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton