

# Proclamation



## The Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg

### *"October 2014 Lupus Awareness Month"*

*Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death, and*

*Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and*

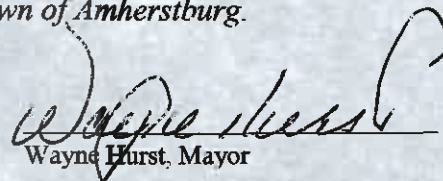
*Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and*

*Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and*

*Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and*

*Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that October 2014 is hereby designated as "Lupus Awareness Month" in the Town of Amherstburg.*

  
Wayne Hurst, Mayor

