

Proclamation



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

“Eating Disorder Awareness Week”

(EDAW)

February 1 -7, 2019

WHEREAS: Eating Disorder Awareness Week will be from February 1 – 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS: Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses and can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethno-racial background, socioeconomic status, gender or ability; and


WHEREAS; Stigma, secrecy and stereotypes still surround eating disorders, causing many people who are suffering to refrain from seeking help; and

WHEREAS; Open supportive dialogue can help break the shame and silence that affect nearly 1 million Canadians living with diagnosable eating disorders and the millions of others who are struggling with food and weight preoccupation; and

WHEREAS; Eating Disorder Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention. It is also a time of year for Canadians to learn about available resources and appropriate services for themselves and/or loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Eating Disorder Awareness Week aims to teach Canadians that eating disorders are not a choice, and that eating disorders are a serious and dangerous mental illness.




Aldo DiCarlo, Mayor