



## PROCLAMATION

# *Lyme Disease Awareness Month*

- WHEREAS* Lyme disease is the most common and fastest-growing vector-borne infection in Canada and the United States; and
- WHEREAS* Lyme Disease is a bacterial infection caused by *Borrelia Burgdorferi* and is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected tick. Ticks can also carry many other co-infections such as *Bartonella*, *Babesia*, *Anaplasmosis*, *Ehrlichiosis*, *Mycoplasma*, and others; and
- WHEREAS* Lyme Disease has now spread to every province and state in North America, and it is directly impacting people in our community; and
- WHEREAS* Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are preventable; and
- WHEREAS* Organizations in North America are working to raise awareness about taking the necessary precautions to protect oneself and loved ones from Lyme disease. By educating the public on the proper measures to prevent Lyme disease, we can effectively safeguard everyone from this potentially debilitating condition;
- NOW THEREFORE* I, Bob Wells, Mayor of the City of Courtenay, do hereby proclaim May, 2023, as **LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Courtenay.

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Mayor Bob Wells