

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

October 15, 2018

WHEREAS: as many as 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage, and each year in Canada there are approximately 6 stillborn infants in 1,000 total births. Approximately 37,000 Ontario families a year experience this family tragedy; and

WHEREAS: the Province of Ontario declared October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day as one of the many elements of Bill 141: *Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness, Research, and Care Act*, passed on December 8th, 2015; and

WHEREAS: this declaration acknowledges the unique grief of bereaved parents and demonstrates support to the many families across Canada who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, medical termination, stillbirth or the death of their infant during delivery or shortly after birth; and

WHEREAS: promoting awareness of pregnancy and infant loss increases the likelihood that these families will receive understanding and support as they face the challenges of their distinctive bereavement; and

WHEREAS: a day of remembrance honours the lives of the children and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of losing a child; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury wishes to recognize the profound grief experienced by families who lose a baby.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That His Worship Mayor Rob Keffer and Members of Council proclaim October 15, 2018 as PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.