

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

September 9, 2018

- WHEREAS:** There is no safe amount, no safe time, and no safe kind of alcohol that a person can drink during pregnancy; and
- WHEREAS:** The term “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder” (FASD) describes the range of disabilities that may affect an individual who was exposed to alcohol in utero or during pregnancy; and
- WHEREAS:** Prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects, such as physical and mental disability and behavioural and/or learning challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** The exact number of people who have FASD is unknown, but it is estimated that two to three percent of the population are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and
- WHEREAS:** The estimated cost of FASD in Canada is estimated at \$4 billion per year, covering education, health, social services and justice costs; and
- WHEREAS:** People around the world began observing International FASD Awareness Day on September 9 each year beginning in 1999, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy it is important to abstain from alcohol; and
- WHEREAS:** The good health and wellbeing of the people of Bradford West Gwillimbury are enhanced by the support of a national effort to educate about and prevent FASD through the Simcoe County FASD Prevention Committee, part of the Simcoe County FASD Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That His Worship Mayor Rob Keffer and Members of Council proclaim September 9, 2018 as FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER AWARENESS DAY in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.