

Subject: FW: Request for Proclamation, Flag Raising and Illumination – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that the Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and proclaim October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or illumination of City Hall, a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy and infant loss affects thousands of Canadian families each year. This recognition would help raise awareness, honour babies gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn if the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, or other form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie

Founder, Oak's Tree of Love



In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel  