

Proclamation January 2021

National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

I, **Mayor Sandy Brown**, do hereby proclaim the January 2021 as "**National Alzheimer's Awareness Month**" in the Town of Orangeville.

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly weakens memory, thinking, and skills; and

Whereas, there are currently 25,000 new cases of Alzheimer's diagnosed in Canada per year and 16,000 Canadians under the age of 65 living with dementia; and

Whereas, by learning more about dementia, we can all do things to lessen the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and

Whereas, by raising awareness and sharing stories, those diagnosed with the disease and their caregivers, feel heard, respected and included in the Town of Orangeville; and

Whereas, the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County provides programs, education and support for over 400 individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in Dufferin County; and

Now Therefore, I urge all citizens of our community to become more aware and educated concerning the far-reaching effects of this devastating disease.

Sandy Brown Mayor