

Proclamation June 2021

Brain Injury Awareness Month

Whereas, Brain Injury Awareness Month highlights awareness on the effects and causes of acquired injury across Canada and in Dufferin County; and

Whereas, brain injury in Canada is a silent epidemic and is the number one killer and disabler of people under the age of 44 and the leading cause of death and disability for Canadian children; and

Whereas, in Ontario there are half a million people living with brain injury and 18,000 new cases are added every year. Within the next hour, six Canadians will suffer a brain injury; and

Whereas, a simple fall, blow to the head, motor vehicle accidents, sports injury, cycling accidents, stroke, tumours, aneurysms and other non-degenerative conditions are all leading causes of acquired brain injury in Canada and can also include mild brain injuries or concussions; and

Whereas, the behavioural, social, cognitive, emotional, and economic consequences of brain injuries are devastating not only to the survivors themselves, but to family members, caregivers, and the community at large; and

Now Therefore, I, **Mayor Sandy Brown**, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2021** as "**Brain Injury Awareness Month**" in the Town of Orangeville and encourage citizens to join the Ontario Brain Injury Association's campaign to "Shine a Light on Brain Injury".

Sandy Brown Mayor

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