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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proclamation request - World Patient Safety Day

Attached is a proclamation request for World Patient Safety Day (Saturday September 17/22) from Patients for Patient Safety Canada. We are very appreciative of the support from the City of London in 2020 and 2021 in drawing attention to World Patient Safety Day. There is an increasing need to ensure the safety of healthcare given the crisis-level stress on healthcare workers and the Canadian healthcare system.

Also attached is a document with information about Patients for Patient Safety Canada and World Patient Safety Day.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a proclamation request.

Theresa Malloy-Miller

Co-Chair, PFPSC

Proclamation Request Form


Requests for the issuance of proclamations are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed to the City Clerk at

ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 LONDON, ON, N6A 4L9.

Request details

Name of Organization
Patients for Patient Safety Canada (PFPSC)
Date Proclamation Required
Saturday September 17/22
Proclamation Name
World Patient Safety Day
Proclamation Type (day, week or month)
Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations)
Public Awareness campaign
Requester Name
Theresa Malloy-Miller
Requester Telephone
Number
Requester Email Address
Requester Address
Box 362 Delaware, ON
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London
Patients for Patient Safety Canada is a volunteer group focused on increasing safety in Canadian Healthcare. London is a centre for healthcare in this region and LHSC has the mission of "Advance new discoveries and innovations that optimize the health and wellbeing of those we serve". The vision of PFPSC is – Every patient safe'. There is a clear collaboration of the goals of PFPSC and the major health service in London. Two PFPSC members are from the London area – Kathy Rylett and myself. We both have/ had careers in healthcare and both of us had family members who experienced fatal healthcare harm in London.
Required Supporting Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail information on the Organization• Detail information on the Event• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request

The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws

Signature 

Date July 13/22

Co-Chair PFPSC

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World Patient Safety Day- September 17, 2022

Sponsoring Organization- Patients for Patient Safety Canada

Patients for Patient Safety Canada is a patient-led program of Healthcare Excellence Canada (amalgamation of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement) and also the Canadian arm of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Patients for Patient Safety global network.

- Formed in 2006, contributing the unique patient/ family experience and perspective to patient safety.
- 70 members have personal stories of heartache, loss, grief and frustration due to unsafe care and they are able to look beyond personal events, draw from their experience, and partner with the people who work in the healthcare system in a shared mission of **Every Patient Safe**.
- The Canadian arm of the World Health Organization's Patients for Patient Safety Program, has contributed to many initiatives that advance safe care both in Canada and around the world.
- The WHO recognizes [Patients for Patient Safety Canada as a global leader](#) as well as many organizations [in Canada](#) (evaluation feedback).

Patients for Patient Safety Canada members work collaboratively with others to contribute to the healthcare system at all levels by:

- Sharing our experiences, observations, and perspectives
- Representing the patient and family perspective in committees and working groups
- Identifying, initiating, sharing, and leading patient safety projects

<https://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/en/About/Programs/PPSC/Pages/default.aspx>

Proclamation Event- World Patient Safety Day

On 17 September 2022, the World Health Organization, international partners and all countries will celebrate World Patient Safety Day.

World Patient Safety Day is firmly grounded in the fundamental principle of medicine – first do no harm. Its objectives are to increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global understanding and promote patient safety. Each year, a new theme is selected on a priority patient safety topic to highlight

its importance and call for urgent action to address the issue. **“Medication Safety” has been selected as the theme for World Patient Safety Day 2022.**

Unsafe medication practices and medication errors are a leading cause of avoidable harm in health care across the world. Medication errors occur when weak medication systems, and human factors such as fatigue, poor environmental conditions or staff shortages affect prescribing, transcribing, dispensing, administration and monitoring practices, which can then result in severe patient harm, disability and even death. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has significantly exacerbated the risk of medication errors and associated medication-related harm. Considering this huge burden of harm, the slogan of World Patient Safety Day 2022 is **“Medication Without Harm”** and aims to focus attention on the need for medication safety and address unsafe practices as well as system weaknesses, with a special focus on the three main causes of avoidable harm arising from medication:

- high-risk situations
- transitions of care
- polypharmacy.

Patients for Patient Safety Canada invites all Canadian municipalities to join in the celebration of World Patient Safety day and advocate together for **“Medication Without Harm”**. Patients for Patient Safety Canada (PFPS) has authorized its members to request proclamations from Canadian Municipalities in recognition of World Patient Safety Day.

Theresa Malloy Miller
Co-Chair PFPS

Linda Hughes
Co-Chair PFPS

Appendix 1: Sample Proclamation Text

WHEREAS, World Patient Safety Day is marked every year on September 17 to recognize patient safety as a global health priority and to increase global public awareness and engagement, while encouraging steps be taken to reduce harm and ensure that patients receive safe treatment in hospitals.

The theme for 2022, “Medication Without Harm” seeks to highlight that ‘unsafe medication practices and medication errors are a leading cause of avoidable harm in health care across the world. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has significantly exacerbated the risk of medication errors and associated medication-related harm. Considering this huge burden of harm, the slogan of World Patient Safety Day 2022 **“Medication Without Harm”** aims to focus attention on the need for medication safety and address unsafe practices as well as system weaknesses, with a special focus on the three main causes of avoidable harm arising from medication: high-risk situations, transitions of care and polypharmacy.

By raising awareness of the need for patient safety we can help keep everyone receiving care safe.

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____, on behalf of _____, do hereby proclaim **September 17, 2022** as **“World Patient Safety Day”** in the _____.