Whereas September 21, is recognized annually as World Alzheimer Day; and

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia which is a group of disorders that impairs brain function; and

Whereas every 65 seconds, someone is diagnosed with dementia somewhere in the world; and

Whereas dementia affects more than 594,000 individuals living in Canada, of whom over 16,000 are under the age of 65; and

Whereas Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington region has over 4,000 individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease or some form of dementia; and

Whereas the prevalence of dementia in Canada is expected to double by the year 2031; and

Whereas all community members are impacted whether they are someone with a diagnosis of dementia, a family member, a caregiver, friend or neighbour; and

Whereas the Alzheimer Society of KFLA is working to educate our communities about dementia, to help reduce the stigma surrounding a dementia diagnosis, a disease which causes extreme social isolation, and to make our communities more welcoming and inclusive for people who are diagnosed with dementia, and their care partners;

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, for the City of Kingston, proclaim September 21, 2020 to be “World Alzheimer’s Day” in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 1st day of September, 2020

Bryan Paterson
Mayor