Whereas October is Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month around the world and is dedicated to raising awareness, increasing public knowledge, and diminishing stereotypes and negative misconceptions about dwarfism; and

Whereas there are over 350 different types of dwarfism, each with its own set of physical, psychological and social challenges; and

Whereas many of the barriers and obstacles faced by individuals with dwarfism are put in place by society, even before any potential medical complications of dwarfism are considered; and

Whereas there are many offensive and inappropriate names for individuals with dwarfism used by society, but people with dwarfism prefer to be called by their name, or by terms such as ‘short stunted individual’, or ‘little person’;

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, for the City of Kingston, hereby proclaim October 2020 as Dwarfism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the City of Kingston to promote inclusion and equality for persons with dwarfism in Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 1st day of September 2020