



PROCLAMATION

October 2026 – Community Health and Wellbeing Month

WHEREAS Ontario is furthering health equity and powering connections to achieve equitable health and wellbeing for everyone living here;

WHEREAS health is much more than the absence of illness; it is the complete state of physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing;

WHEREAS community health is essential to the wellbeing of people, the places where we live, and our health system overall;

WHEREAS better health and wellbeing begins locally, in our homes, in our schools, in our workplaces, and in the community spaces where we live, work and play;

WHEREAS treating people's illnesses and sending them back to the same conditions that produced their sickness will only result in continued ill-health and stress on our health and social systems;

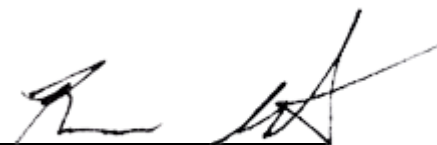
WHEREAS by ensuring better health and wellbeing for all, and by creating collaborative, coordinated programs and services that confront health inequities across our entire community, we will ease pressures on our health care system and strengthen public health care across the province, part of our core values as a society;

WHEREAS community health care workers, including social workers, nurses, mental health staff, and others, continue to be paid less than their counterparts in other provinces and health care sectors, hurting the ability of the community health organizations our community depends on to retain and recruit vital personnel;

WHEREAS to achieve this future we need to transform Ontario's health system to a Community Health and Wellbeing system rooted in comprehensive primary health care that promotes equitable health and wellbeing for everyone living in Ontario and supports community health workers and their organizations to keep people well and at home wherever possible;

WHEREAS during the month of October, 2026, communities across the province will be furthering health equity and powering connections in support of community health organizations and workers to build a health system with primary health care as the foundation, for the best possible and equitable wellbeing and health of all people in our community and in communities all across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE, Mayor and Council do hereby proclaim October 2026 to be "Community Health and Wellbeing Month" in Wainfleet.



Mayor Brian Grant