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Greetings and good afternoon!

I am contacting you today on behalf of the Niagara Health System's – Addiction Services - Hepatitis C Care Clinic. Each year the 12 municipalities of Niagara have been so incredible to provide your support and the proclamations for the Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day awareness. J

In May of 2016, Canada's Health Minister – Jane Philpott signed on to the World Health Organizations (WHO)'s first ever-Global Viral Hepatitis Strategy, with the goal to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. To support Canada's Global strategy, all provinces and communities across Canada are working together to raise awareness. I am delighted to announce that we once again will be hosting a Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day awareness event. We will join our national partners on Friday May 9, 2025 to recognize this very important awareness day! Our program will be collaborating with the Niagara Health System – Welland Hospital Site at 65 Third Street, Welland. Our Community event will run from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Hepatitis C Care Clinic event will encourage individuals to learn about hepatitis, liver health . . . how to receive hepatitis testing, care, and treatment. Our community event will also allow us to highlight the services of Niagara Health System's - Mental Health and Addiction programs. In addition, the care and services of the many community partners that will be joining us at our street-based Health and Social Services Fair. We invite you to join us at our awareness day event! Please feel free to contact me for further details of the event! Alternatively, we can arrange to meet at a more convenient time, to allow us to share about who we are and what we do as a Team! J

Again, this year the following prominent landmarks will illuminate in yellow and red to show their support – Canadian and USA Falls, Peace Bridge and the Welland Bridge 13. Are you wondering how you can help and offer your support! We are inviting you to join with Niagara's awareness campaign, and that of our national partners to proclaim Friday May 9, 2025, as Canadian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Day throughout the 12 municipalities of Niagara. Together we are strong . . . we can join together to raise awareness and to help individuals throughout Niagara!

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Take care and have a lovely day!

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