



# Proclamation

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## National Polycystic Kidney Awareness Day

**Monday, September 4, 2023**

**Whereas** Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases, affecting approximately 1 in 400 to 1 in 1,000 people. Today, thousands of Canadians and millions of people worldwide live with PKD; and

**Whereas** PKD causes abnormal cysts to develop and grow in the kidneys, and the enlargement of cysts causes kidney function to decline; and

**Whereas** The PKD Foundation of Canada is the only national charitable organization dedicated to fighting PKD through programs of research, advocacy, education, support, and awareness in order to discover vital treatments and a cure for PKD and improve the lives of all it affects; and

**Whereas** PKD Awareness Day is an opportunity to step up efforts and provide a platform to widely spread the word, share stories, and encourage others to learn more; and

**Whereas** On September 23rd, the PKD Foundation of Canada is hosting its Annual Virtual Walk to END PKD, signifying a united group, moving towards treatment and a cure for PKD; and

**Whereas** Since 2007, the Walk to END PKD has raised more than \$2,170,000 toward finding treatments and providing education and support services to those suffering from the disease. More information can be found at [www.endpkd.ca](http://www.endpkd.ca).

**Therefore be it resolved that**, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Aurora, I, Mayor Tom Mrakas, do hereby proclaim the day of **Monday, September 4, 2023 as National Polycystic Kidney Awareness Day** in the Town of Aurora.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Mrakas".

Tom Mrakas  
Mayor