



TOWN OF WATSON LAKE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss affect thousands of families each year, leaving lasting impacts on parents, siblings, grandparents, and communities; and

WHEREAS many families experience grief in silence and may face their loss without adequate awareness, understanding, or support from those around them; and

WHEREAS Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative founded in memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel, supports families who have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss through memory boxes, remembrance projects, advocacy, awareness, and community support; and

WHEREAS increasing awareness helps reduce stigma, encourages compassionate support, and reminds bereaved families that they are not alone in their grief journey, while communities across Canada and around the world observe October 15th in remembrance of babies and children who are deeply loved and forever remembered;

NOW THEREFORE I, Lauren Hanchar, Mayor of Watson Lake, do hereby proclaim October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the Town of Watson Lake.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Hanchar".

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Lauren Hanchar, Mayor



