



**MINISTER  
OF HEALTH AND SENIORS CARE**

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Dear Neil Johnston:

I am very pleased to proclaim September 2021 as Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in Manitoba.

Our government acknowledges that Pulmonary Fibrosis Month is an important opportunity to increase public awareness of the conditions and implications for Manitobans who have pulmonary fibrosis.

I wish you every success with events planned to celebrate Pulmonary Fibrosis Month.

Sincerely,

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Heather Stefanson

Attachment



PROVINCE DU MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## Mois de la fibrose pulmonaire

- ATTENDU QUE** le Manitoba compte 1 200 personnes qui ont reçu un diagnostic de fibrose pulmonaire, idiopathique (si la cause est inconnue) ou non idiopathique, et que de nombreuses autres attendent toujours un diagnostic;
- ATTENDU QUE** la fibrose pulmonaire est une maladie des poumons peu connue, progressive et potentiellement mortelle qui cause la formation de cicatrices dans les poumons et de l'essoufflement, privant l'organisme d'oxygène;
- ATTENDU QUE** les personnes atteintes de fibrose pulmonaire, idiopathique ou non idiopathique, pourraient bénéficier d'un diagnostic et d'un traitement précoces pour ralentir et, dans certains cas, arrêter la progression de la maladie;
- ATTENDU QUE** la fibrose pulmonaire ne touche pas seulement les individus, mais aussi leur famille, leurs amis, leur employeur et leur communauté;
- ATTENDU QUE** la Fondation canadienne de la fibrose pulmonaire, avec le soutien de l'Association pulmonaire du Manitoba, a désigné le mois de septembre comme Mois de la fibrose pulmonaire et demande instamment que l'on redouble d'efforts et que l'on prenne plus de mesures pour garantir l'accès à des soins de qualité, soutenir la recherche de traitements nouveaux et améliorés et fournir des services de soutien afin d'améliorer la qualité de vie des personnes atteintes de fibrose pulmonaire, idiopathique ou non idiopathique, et de leur famille;

**Nous, Heather Stefanson, ministre de la Santé et des Soins aux personnes âgées** pour la province du Manitoba, proclamons par la présente que le mois de septembre 2021 sera le

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au Manitoba, et recommandons que toute la population de notre province l'observe scrupuleusement.



La ministre





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- WHEREAS** In Manitoba, there are an estimated 1,200 people who have been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis or idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (if the cause is unknown), with many more still waiting to be diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS** pulmonary fibrosis a little-known, progressive and potentially fatal lung disease that causes scarring in the lungs and shortness of breath, depriving the body of oxygen; and
- WHEREAS** people living with pulmonary fibrosis and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis could benefit from early diagnosis and treatment to slow down and, in some cases, stop the progression of the disease; and
- WHEREAS** pulmonary fibrosis affects not just individuals, but their families, friends, employers, and communities; and
- WHEREAS** the Canadian Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, with support from the Lung Association, Manitoba, has designated September as Pulmonary Fibrosis Month and urges increased effort and action to ensure access to quality care, support research into new and improved treatments and provide support services to improve the quality of life for those living with pulmonary fibrosis and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and their families,

Now therefore let it be known that I, **Heather Stefanson, Minister of Health and Seniors Care** for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

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in Manitoba and do commend its thoughtful observance to all the citizens of our province.

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Minister

