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PROCLAMATION

“Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day”

October 15, 2026

- 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** this proclamation honours the memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel and all babies and children gone too soon while recognizing the importance of supporting bereaved families in our communities; and
- WHEREAS** Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the lives of babies and children gone too soon, honour their memories, and recognize the strength and resilience of grieving families; 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 15 in remembrance of babies and children who are deeply loved and forever remembered;

THEREFORE, I, Barbara Desjardins, Mayor of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026 as

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

In the Municipality of Esquimalt, Province of British Columbia.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor