"CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK"

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WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defects – (CHD) are those existing at birth; and

WHEREAS: With familiarity of the disorders, more diagnoses are being made of what was, not long ago, thought to be an extremely rare disorder and not repairable; and

WHEREAS: CHDs are among the most common birth defects and is the leading cause of defect related deaths. Too many babies and children born with CHD's continue to die due to the severity of the defect, the heart defect not being detected in time, a lack of donor hearts, or failure of the medical intervention used; and

WHEREAS: One is 80-100 Canadian children are born with heart defects every year; and

WHEREAS: Windsor and Essex County has no medical resources for acute or ongoing medical treatment for CHD patients; and

WHEREAS: Citizens should be made more aware of CHDs so that early diagnosis and intervention becomes a top priority.

THEREFORE: I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

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in the City of Windsor and I urge our citizens to commend this observance.

Mayor