## **HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Proclamation**

We are here today to raise the Positive Living Niagara flag, in recognition of International HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Whereas it is estimated that more than 400 people in Niagara are living with HIV.

Whereas HIV related stigma and discrimination can prevent people from getting the treatment and care needed to strengthen their health and well-being.

Whereas myths and misinformation about HIV related issues limits people's capacity to make healthier choices which contributes to the spread of HIV infections.

Whereas HIV affects our friends, family and coworkers.

Therefore, I do by proclaim the week leading up to and including December 1st as International HIV/AIDS Awareness Week here in the Town of Pelham, province of Ontario.