

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

## Proclamation Request Form

### Contact Info

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**City** Kingston

**Province** ON

**Postal Code**

**Phone #**

**Email**

### Organization Information

Kingston Pride

**Organization Name** Kingston, ON

**Address**

**Is your organization a non-profit?**

Yes

### Proclamation Information

**Proclamation Name** Pride Month in Kingston

**Start Date** Monday, June 1, 2026

**End Date** Tuesday, June 30, 2026

**How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?**

The proclamation of Pride month is of interest and benefit to the citizens of Kingston because it affirms the City's ongoing commitment to inclusion, equity, and the well-being of all residents. Public recognition helps foster a welcoming and respectful community where 2SLGBTQIA+ people feel seen, valued, and safe.

The proclamation also raises awareness of the contributions that 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and organization make to Kingston's cultural, social and economic life. By encouraging residents to learn, celebrate, and engage, Pride Month strengthens community connection, reduces stigma, and discrimination while promoting belonging across diverse populations.

Finally, municipal recognition supports local events, volunteer initiatives, and community-building efforts that benefit the broader public by promoting civic pride, education, and mutual respect among Kingston residents.

**Will this proclamation be presented at an event?**

Yes

**Event Date**

Saturday, June 13, 2026

**Event Time**

10:00 AM

**Include the proclamation in an ad under the City of Kingston banner in the Kingston Whig Standard? (Additional cost applies)**

No

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MEETING OF:**

March 10, 2026

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No: 2026-07-33**

Thursday, February 5, 2026

# Proclamation Request Form

## Contact Info

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**City** Quebec

**Province**

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## Organization Information

**Organization Name** Environmental Health Association of Canada

**Address** Quebec, Quebec

**Is your organization a non-profit?**

## Proclamation Information

**Proclamation Name** Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month

**Start Date** Friday, May 1, 2026

**End Date** Sunday, May 31, 2026

### How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?

May is internationally recognized as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Month, with May 12 recognized globally as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day. This observance is specific to MCS and reflects its established status as a recognized disability that requires accommodation and protection from discrimination.

Multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) is already recognized as a disability and health condition in Canada. The focus today is not recognition, but municipal inclusion and implementation — ensuring that public environments, services, and programs are accessible to residents whose health and participation depend on reduced chemical exposures.

Municipal leadership in this area aligns with well-established legal, medical, and human-rights frameworks:

The Canadian Human Rights Commission recognizes multiple chemical sensitivity as a disability and

affirms that scent-free and low-toxicity environments are required accommodation measures. The American Medical Association recognizes fragrance sensitivity including MCS as a condition that may limit major life activities and supports fragrance-free policies, ingredient transparency, and clinical awareness.

Under the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Canada has been directed to eliminate discrimination against persons with multiple chemical sensitivity and ensure equality and inclusion across all levels of government, including municipalities.

Statistics Canada has collected national data on MCS since 2000, with current analyses indicating that over 1.13 million Canadians (1 in 34) have been diagnosed with MCS, confirming its prevalence and public-health significance.

The Accessible Canada Act (2019) establishes a proactive duty to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility for all persons with disabilities. Including multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) within municipal accessibility and inclusion initiatives aligns local action with this federal framework and supports inclusive environments for people with diverse disability-related access needs.

**Will this proclamation be presented at an event?**

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