



July 22, 2015

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
 Mayor of Hamilton
 71 Main Street West
 Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists (OSOT), I am writing to request that the month of October be proclaimed as Occupational Therapy Month in the City of Hamilton.

Occupational Therapists (OTs) are health professionals who work with individuals of all ages who may be experiencing barriers to managing necessary day-to-day living skills and occupations (self-care, work and leisure) because of injury, illness, chronic disease, disability, aging, learning disabilities or mental health issues. OTs help people assume, reassume and/or maintain the roles and skills they need to participate fully in all aspects of daily living, enjoy a quality of life, and engage meaningfully in their communities and society.

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and provincial OT associations across Canada have named October as national Occupational Therapy Month. The Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize October as Occupational Therapy Month in Hamilton. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of occupational therapists working in your community's hospitals, rehab centres, CCAC services, Family Health Teams, long-term care homes, schools, mental health services and in a broad range of private practices in your community.

We would be particularly honored to have you present this proclamation at a city council meeting. We look forward to working with your office on this important endeavor and would be pleased to speak further or identify a local occupational therapist to assist your office or to speak to the Council. I attach a proposed proclamation for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christie Brenchley".

Christie Brenchley
 Executive Director

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a health profession that empowers people of all ages to overcome barriers in their everyday lives so they can do more and live better.



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 Occupational Therapy at
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Occupational Therapists

OT Month 2015 Proclamation Text

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and the Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists have declared the month of October 2015 to be known as National Occupational Therapy Month; and,

WHEREAS the profession of occupational therapy, a regulated health profession over 5000 strong in Ontario, is concerned with promoting health and well-being through occupation; and,

WHEREAS, the services of occupational therapy enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in the activities which give meaning and purpose to their lives by working to overcome obstacles that prevent involvement in life's occupations; and,

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of all Ontarians is dependent on access to occupational therapy services in Hamilton, in community agencies, hospitals, long-term care homes, rehabilitation centres and clinics, Family Health Teams and other primary care agencies, schools, social agencies, industry or private practice.

THEREFORE, I Fred Eisenberger of Hamilton do hereby proclaim October 2015 as National Occupational Therapy Month and call upon all citizens to recognize the achievements and contributions of these valued health professionals.

For more information about Occupational Therapy visit www.OTOntario.ca.