

**From:** Kaitlyn Wallace [mailto:kWallace@on.lung.ca]  
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**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca  
**Subject:** Observing Lung Month in your municipality

*This message has been sent on behalf of George Habib, President & CEO of the Ontario Lung Association.*

Dear Mayor Bratina,

I am writing to invite you to join the mayors and reeves of municipalities throughout Ontario who are supporting lung health in their communities by issuing a proclamation declaring November **Lung Month** in their cities and towns. An example can be found below.

More than 2.4 million people in Ontario – that is one in five people in the City of Hamilton – lives with a chronic lung disease such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or lung cancer, and many more are at risk. In November, the Ontario Lung Association and our partners will engage in a series of information and outreach initiatives designed to inform and educate all Ontarians about how to protect and care for their lungs.

We hope that you will demonstrate your municipality's support for the lung health of all its citizens by signing the attached proclamation of November as **Lung Month** for entry into the official record.

Because when you can't breathe, nothing else matters.™

Sincerely  
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#### *SAMPLE PROCLAMATION*

#### **LUNG MONTH**

WHEREAS, in the <city> and throughout Ontario, one in five residents lives with lung disease; and

WHEREAS, lung disease is one of the most prevalent, deadly and costly chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the <city> supports all measures designed to advance and protect the health of its citizens and of Ontarians; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness of lung health issues and to inform Ontarians about the importance of their lung health, the Ontario Lung Association has designated the month of November *Lung Month*,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Bratina, Mayor of the City of Hamilton,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM November, 2013 as

**"LUNG MONTH"**

**in the <city>**