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Clerk's Department  
City of Welland  
Welland Civic Square, 60 East Main Street  
Welland, Ontario, L3B 3X4

RE: Proclamation- Leave a Legacy Month

To the Clerk's Office,

May is Leave a Legacy Month, a national awareness campaign created by Canadian Association of Gift Planners, to highlight the importance and impact of gifts in wills. For many residents in our community, there is a misunderstanding that you need to be wealthy to have philanthropic intentions or to make a real impact in your community. However, generosity is a powerful force for good. Every day people here in Welland are turning intent into impact. They are doing this using the power of their Will. Adding a charitable gift to your Will creates a legacy that extends beyond your lifetime and benefits future generations.

Niagara Community Foundation (NCF) is Niagara's philanthropic partner. Through permanent endowment funds NCF has raised over \$91.5 million and has granted in excess of \$31 million to charities across Niagara, since it was founded in 2000. This year marks 25 years of NCF connecting donors to causes and charities to resources.

NCF would like to mark this milestone by raising awareness about the power of your Will to make a lasting impact for generations to come. Leaving just 1% of your estate to charity can make a significant difference. NCF is here to help turn your intent into impact.

Across Niagara, we would like to proclaim May as "Leave a Legacy Month", an opportunity to encourage all residents of Welland to leave a gift to charity in your Will. By taking this step, we can ensure a stronger, more vibrant, and more generous Niagara for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bryan Rose'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryan Rose

*Executive Director, Niagara Community Foundation*