

TOWN OF CLAYTON

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2014 Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease MONTH

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is one of the most common inherited neurological disorders, affecting approximately 1 in 2,500 people in the United States, including several Clayton residents; and

WHEREAS, this disorder, named after the three physicians who discovered it in 1886, Jean-Martin Charcot, Pierre Marie, and Howard Henry Tooth, is characterized by a slow and progressive degeneration of the muscles in the feet, lower legs, hands, and arms, causing loss of normal function and/or sensation that can be severely disabling and may be accompanied by chronic pain and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS, patients with CMT must constantly advocate on their own behalf to doctors medical professionals, and educators who are often unaware of, or insufficiently, educated about the disorder, its symptoms, and the obstacles faced by those affected by the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) is to support the development of new drugs to treat CMT, to improve the quality of life for people with CMT, and ultimately to find a cure for CMT; and

WHEREAS, the CMTA's Strategy to Accelerate Research (STAR) Initiative is making great strides toward developing therapies for CMT through an innovative public/private partnership combining the National Institutes of Health, and universities and laboratories around the world to improve the treatment of CMT; now

NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Mayor and Clayton Town Council wish to recognize the month of September 2014 as

"CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH AWARENESS MONTH"

and remind our citizens of the vital importance of the health care of those around us and to support programs to help people with CMT.

Duly proclaimed by the Clayton Town Council this 18th day of August 2014, while in regular session.

Jody L. McLeod
Mayor