



Calgary

Jeromy Farkas, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Stuttering is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects speech and communication through involuntary disruptions in the natural flow of speech. It is not caused by shyness, intelligence, personality, or a lack of knowledge. Although significant advances have been made in understanding the factors associated with stuttering, its precise cause remains unknown.

Whereas: Stuttering affects approximately one percent of Canadian adults and four percent of young children across all cultures, races, and languages;

Whereas: People who stutter often experience stigma, misconceptions, and barriers to full participation resulting from a lack of awareness and understanding of stuttering;

Whereas: Increasing public awareness, acceptance, and inclusion helps foster supportive communities where people who stutter feel empowered to communicate with confidence and participate fully in society.

On behalf of City Council and Calgarians, I hereby proclaim October 22, 2026 as:

INTERNATIONAL STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY

JEROMY FARKAS

MAYOR

