

# Proclamation

*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 Institute of Health, and universities and laboratories around the world to improve the treatment of CMT.

*NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED* by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton that September 2016, be recognized as:

*Charcot-Marie-Tooth Awareness Month*

Duly adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.



Jody L. McLeod  
Mayor