Dear Mayor Paul,

On behalf of the St. Joseph and Area Historical Society and in collaboration with the Ontario Museum Association, I am writing to request a Municipal Proclamation of May is Museum Month/Mai, Mois des Musées in the Municipality of Bluewater.

Celebrated annually since 2000, May is Museum Month/Mai, Mois des Musées is a program of the Ontario Museum Association and celebrated by Ontario’s 700+ museums, galleries, and heritage sites. May is Museum Month coincides with International Museum Day on May 18th, a worldwide initiative of the International Council of Museums to highlight the importance of the role of museums as institutions that serve society and its development.

The start of the summer tourism season, May is Museum Month provides an excellent opportunity for the promotion and awareness of Ontario’s many and varied heritage and cultural assets. During May is Museum Month/Mai, Mois des Musées we encourage everyone to explore and experience our local museums.

Mayors and communities across the province will proclaim May is Museum Month, and we would be honoured if the Municipality of Bluewater joined them in recognising the value of museums, galleries, and heritage sites to our communities.

Please find a draft Proclamation attached.

If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please reach out to me by email layotte@ezlink.ca. The St. Joseph and Area Historical Society and the Ontario Museum Association look forward to celebrating May is Museum Month/ Mai, Mois des Musées!

Sincerely,

Loretta Ayotte, Secretary
St. Joseph and Area Historical Soci
May is Museum Month

May 1st to 31st, 2019

WHEREAS throughout our community, museums, art galleries, and heritage sites reflect our local history and culture and contribute to our development

WHEREAS this month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of our community’s museums and celebrate the contributions these institutions make to quality of life, education, and economic development, and

WHEREAS museums, galleries, and heritage sites welcome visitors and tourists to our community, and

WHEREAS these museums, galleries and heritage sites are valuable resources for education and learning, and are important community hubs,

NOW THEREFORE: I, XXXXX, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as “May is Museum Month” in the Municipality of Bluewater, and encourage all residents and tourists to visit our local museums in May.