Your Worship Mayor Bratina,

On behalf of the chiropody profession and myself, supported by the Ontario Society of Chiropodists (OSC), I would like to request that the month of May be declared Foot Health Month in 2011. This annual event is a public information campaign, sponsored by the Ontario Society of Chiropodists, to inform Ontanans about the importance of foot health.

The OSC supports May 2011 as Foot Health Month this year in accordance with the Federation of International Podiatrists (FIP). FIP has labelled May as World Foot Health Month. This international organization represents podiatry and chiropody associations worldwide, promoting the importance of foot health.

The OSC was established in 1985 as a non-profit organization representing chiropodists throughout the province. Chiropodists and podiatrists are the only regulated health care providers in Ontario educated exclusively in the assessment, treatment, and prevention of foot disorders. Foot conditions include structural deformities, complications of diabetes, sports injuries, ingrown toenails, calluses, bunions, and hammer toes. Chiropodists and podiatrists may prescribe specialized medications, provide prescription orthotic inserts or perform surgery to correct foot problems.

The Society and its members are dedicated to fostering foot health excellence through public education. During Foot Health Month, chiropodists will be holding informative open houses, shoe drives, as well as speaking to the community about foot health. The mandate of this campaign is to increase public awareness and promote proper foot health as part of preventing more costly and complicated foot problems. A sample of a proclamation we have previously use is listed below.

Whereas, the Ontario Society of Chiropodists is a non-profit organization that was established in 1985 to represent Chiropodists across the province.

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Now therefore, I, XXXXX, on behalf of the city of XXXX, do hereby proclaim the month of May, "Foot Health Month".

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to your response. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Director, Ontario Society of Chiropodists