

## MOTION

No. 103

### **Calling on government to improve education, diagnosis and resources for those suffering from endometriosis**

Michele Beaton gives notice that she will move, seconded by Karla Bernard, the following motion:

**WHEREAS** endometriosis is a condition in which endometrium, tissue similar to what normally lines the uterus, grows outside the uterus;

**AND WHEREAS** symptoms of endometriosis include debilitating period pain, painful ovulation, chronic fatigue and pain during and after intercourse;

**AND WHEREAS** it is estimated that 1 in 10 women, trans and gender diverse people worldwide have endometriosis;

**AND WHEREAS** on average, it takes seven years to correctly diagnose endometriosis;

**AND WHEREAS** there is no known cure, however symptoms can be managed through excision surgery;

**AND WHEREAS** long waits for diagnosis, misdiagnosis and disbelief of symptom severity often leads to poor mental health of individuals struggling with this disease;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to conduct awareness and education campaigns highlighting the prevalence and impacts of endometriosis for both healthcare practitioners and the general public;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to create guidelines for diagnosing endometriosis;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to compile a list of resources and treatments available to those who are diagnosed with endometriosis on PEI;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to improve data collection on endometriosis and enhance support for Islanders with endometriosis to participate in clinical trials.

Signed by: Michele Beaton

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Date: March 10, 2022