

Fitzsimmons Bridge Lighting Request Application

The Endometriosis Network Canada is participating in a nation-wide event, EndoMarch celebrating Endometriosis Awareness Month for the 9th year in a row on Saturday March 25th, 2023. Here in Canada, there are annual events that take place in each major region and while we have had to opt for virtual events during these unprecedented times, we hope that the endo community can celebrate together safely in-person in 2023 by joining to photograph the illumination.

The Endometriosis Network Canada (TENC) is the first charity in Canada dedicated to providing education, support and awareness to those living with endometriosis nationally and we are celebrating our tenth anniversary of incorporation this year. Our mission is to promote awareness while providing education, support, and resources for people with endometriosis and those whose lives it touches. In their lifetime, approximately 1 in 10 girls and women, and unmeasured numbers of transgender individuals, will develop endometriosis. Due to a lack of awareness and education, it takes between 7-12 years to get a diagnosis. Because of the support and educational programming TENC has made available, feedback has shown that feelings of isolation and hopelessness can be replaced by empowerment and comfort in knowing that others understand. Willingness to advocate for oneself, and try new streams of treatment often follows.

To accomplish this we are working to provide:

- Educational resources for those with endometriosis, and their support people
- Increased awareness of endometriosis in the general public
- A support network accessible nationwide with online forums, social media, and two virtual support groups each month
- Actively focusing on reducing current barriers to diagnosis, and improving both access to and the quality of medical care for people living with endometriosis in Canada through initiatives like EndoAct.

The Endometriosis Network Canada is requesting to have Fitzsimmons Bridge lit yellow for the nation-wide Endometriosis Awareness Month on Saturday, March 25th, 2023. The lighting will help to create more awareness for endometriosis, and we are hoping that we will be able to draw unity within the community from this lighting. We will be informing our community about the monument lighting via our social platforms upon approval.

Thank you for considering The Endometriosis Network Canada for this monument lighting opportunity.



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