

**“NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENISTS WEEK”**

**WHEREAS** 59% of Canadian children and 96% of adults have experienced cavities, and 21% of Canadian adults have experienced periodontal (gum) issues; and

**WHEREAS** research shows a direct link between oral health and overall health and well-being such as periodontal disease being linked to a number of serious illnesses including lung disease, diabetes and heart disease; and

**WHEREAS** oral health issues are easily preventable and treatable, and Canadians, especially children and seniors, can be greatly assisted through early detection and intervention; and

**WHEREAS** dental hygiene is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest registered health profession in Canada with 29,549 registered dental hygienists working in a variety of setting, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health; and

**WHEREAS** greater awareness of proper oral health practices and the need to regularly visit a dental professional is paramount to ensuring Canadians lead healthier and happier lives; and

**WHEREAS** promoting the importance of the issues and celebrating the successes of the profession and contributions of dental hygienists will lead to increased public awareness.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2019 as **“NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENISTS WEEK”** on the **HOMELANDS** of the **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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