



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *Throughout the Arthritis Society’s 73-year history, community support has been critical in enabling the organization to fulfill its mission of investing in cutting-edge research, proactive advocacy and innovative information and support that will deliver better health outcomes for people affected by arthritis; and*

WHEREAS *Arthritis is a collection of conditions affecting joints and other tissues. It causes pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. It's serious. Six million - 1 in 5 Canadians - live every day with arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to 9 million by 2040; and*

WHEREAS *During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis to stand up and boldly declare: “Arthritis Won’t Stop Me.” We seek to raise voices and awareness – one million voices for the 6 million Canadians whose lives have been significantly impacted by arthritis; and*

WHEREAS *The Arthritis Society is a charitable organization working to overcome Canada’s most pervasive chronic health condition and together we can achieve our vision to live in a world where people are free from the devastating effects of arthritis; and*

WHEREAS *We respectfully request that the City of Victoria issue a proclamation declaring September as Arthritis Awareness Month to help us reach Victorians with our message and to illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as “**ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH**” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking **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 10th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The Arthritis Society