



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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

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