



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK”

WHEREAS *Hidradenitis Suppurativa (H.S.) is a chronic, non-communicable, debilitating inflammatory dermatological disease for which there is no known cure; and*

WHEREAS *it is estimated as many as four percent of men, women and adolescents in Canada are living with H.S. but may not have a diagnosis due to lack of both patient and physician awareness; that the disease is more common in women at a ratio of four to one, that H.S. mostly presents itself between the ages of 10-40, that H.S. affects all ethnic groups; and*

WHEREAS *H.S. is extremely painful, disfiguring, and disabling chronic disease that has an adverse impact on physical, mental and emotional health for those living with this chronic disease; and*

WHEREAS *treating H.S. is a challenge for both patients, nurses and physicians as no one treatment(s) works for everyone, that all current treatments lose their effectiveness over time, that current treatments usually are used in combination with other treatments thus all treatments cause their unique set of side effect, that correct diagnosis takes an average of five years; and*

WHEREAS *Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week began in Canada in 2018 in Edmonton, that due to Covid-19 this years awareness week is only the second one being held annually across Canada; and*

WHEREAS *the understanding and acceptance of the general public is a crucial factor in patients' treatment and well being, that **HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK** provides opportunities to increase awareness, promote both education and support, correct misconceptions, recognise the struggles of those affected and most importantly shorten the delay in diagnosis, #Illuminate4HS and #HSHeroes.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim June 6th to 12th, 2022 as “**HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 9th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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