



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *Community support has been critical throughout the Arthritis Society’s 74-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy, and evidence-based information and patient-centred support; and*

WHEREAS *Arthritis is not just arthritis. Arthritis is serious. It causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million Canadians – 1 in 5 – live every day with the fire of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of Canadians with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and*

WHEREAS *During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we seek to raise voices and awareness, and we are encouraging everyone who lives with arthritis – and all those who know and love them – to fight the fire of arthritis;*

WHEREAS *the Arthritis Society is Canada’s national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2022 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 4th day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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