



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### “AMYLOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH”

- WHEREAS** *Amyloidosis is a group of diseases caused by deposits of abnormal proteins, known as amyloid, in one or more organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can cause organ failure and even death; and*
- WHEREAS** *Amyloidosis can affect different organs in the body including the heart, kidneys, gastrointestinal tract, and the liver and can lead to polyneuropathy, proteinuria and can lead to issues with the functioning of the heart; and*
- WHEREAS** *there are hereditary and non-hereditary types of Amyloidosis and research is continuing to improve the lives of patients with this disease; and*
- WHEREAS** *Amyloidosis is considered a rare disease and sometimes it is misdiagnosed or undiagnosed; and*
- WHEREAS** *early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for patients and their families; therefore, raising awareness about this disease among the general public and the medical community is critical; and*
- WHEREAS** *it is appropriate that one month each year be set aside as Amyloidosis Awareness Month. Internationally, the Amyloidosis Foundation recognizes March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN) is a federally registered non-profit organization that assists patients and families affected by this disease and also works to raise awareness about amyloidosis; and*
- WHEREAS** *We urge the City of Victoria to highlight awareness about amyloidosis during Amyloidosis Awareness Month; this effort will not only benefit patients and their families but also the general public and the medical community at large.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2023 as “AMYLOIDOSIS 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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

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