



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
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