



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENISTS WEEK

April 4 ~ 10, 2024

WHEREAS: 59% of Canadian children and 96% of adults have experienced cavities, and 21% of Canadian adults have experienced periodontal (gum) issues; and

WHEREAS: research shows a direct link between oral health and overall health and well-being such as periodontal disease being linked to a number of serious illnesses including lung disease, diabetes and heart disease; and

WHEREAS: oral health issues are easily preventable and treatable, and Canadians, especially children and seniors, can be greatly assisted through early detection and intervention; and

WHEREAS: dental hygiene is the 6th largest registered health profession in Canada with 23,902 registered dental hygienists working in a variety of settings, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health; and

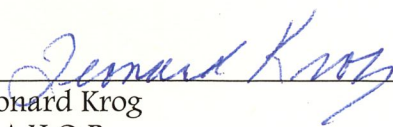
WHEREAS: greater awareness of proper oral health practices and the need to regularly visit a dental professional is paramount to ensuring Canadians lead healthier and happier lives; and

WHEREAS: promoting the importance of the issues and celebrating the successes of the profession and contributions of dental hygienists will lead to increased public awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim April 4 ~ 10, 2024 as:

NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENISTS WEEK

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.


Leonard Krog
MAYOR

Dated this 23rd day of February 2024

