



PROCLAMATION

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 several 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 more than 31,000 registered dental hygienists working in a variety of settings, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health; and

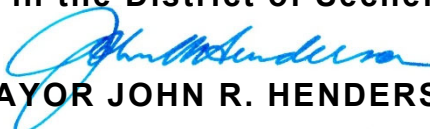
WHEREAS Greater awareness of proper oral health practices and the need to regularly visit a dental professional is paramount to ensuring Canadians lead healthier and happier lives; and

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

I proclaim the week of April 4-10, 2025, as
NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENISTS' WEEK

in the District of Sechelt


MAYOR JOHN R. HENDERSON