



Proclamation

Oral Health Month and National Dental Hygienist Week

April 4 – 10, 2023

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 to 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, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare April 4 - 10, 2023 as "National Dental Hygienist Week" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey