



Proclamation

**National Dental Hygienists Week™
April 4th – 10th, 2021**

WHEREAS, National Dental Hygienists Week™ (NDHW™) is celebrated annually April 4-10, highlighting the importance of maintaining good oral health practices while helping Canadians to understand the vital role that dental hygienists play in the health care system. Our theme "Oral Health for Total Health," reminds us that taking care of our mouth, teeth, and gums positively impacts other aspects of our lives.

WHEREAS, The colour purple is associated with dental hygiene, and has been the official colour of dental professionals since 1897 when lilac was first chosen for the emblem of the National Association of Dental Faculties. Purple has long been the trim colour for dental hygiene graduates' caps and gowns and is said to signify compassion, purpose, and inspiration.

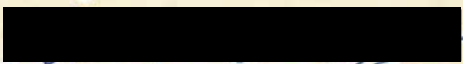
WHEREAS, Last year, there were 22 Canadian landmarks scheduled to be lit in purple. Over the past several years, lightings have included: BC Place Stadium, Science World/TELUS World of Science Vancouver, Vancouver Olympic Cauldron & district markers, Calgary Tower, Edmonton High-Level Bridge, SaskTel Centre, Niagara Falls, 3D Toronto sign Nathan Phillips Square, CN Tower, Halifax Convention Centre, St. John's Convention Centre, Confederation Building (St. John's), and Government House (St. John's).

WHEREAS, CDHA is the collective national voice of more than 30,219 dental hygienists in Canada, directly representing 20,000 individual members, including students. Since 1963, CDHA has worked to advance the profession and promote the importance of oral health. Dental hygiene is the sixth largest registered health profession in Canada with professionals working in a variety of settings, including independent dental hygiene practice, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health. For more information on oral health, visit www.dentalhygienecanada.ca.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim April 4th to 10th, 2021 as "National Dental Hygienists Week" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 4th day of April 2021




Mike Savage
Mayor