

Proclamation

National Dental Hygienists Week

April 7th – 13th 2018

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

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 29,246 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Pelham does hereby proclaim the week of April 7th to April 13th 2018 as National Dental Hygienists Week, and

THAT the Pelham arches be lit purple on April 7th – 13th in support of National Dental Hygienists Week.

DATED AT the Town of Pelham this 03rd day of April, 2018.

**MAYOR DAVE AUGUSTYN
TOWN OF PELHAM**