



Proclamation

Arthritis Awareness Month

September 2024

WHEREAS Nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with cutting-edge research, bold innovation, fiery advocacy and information and support; and

WHEREAS Arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million people in Canada – 1 in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040; and

WHEREAS During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis – free future; and

WHEREAS We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Plan to take on the big issues of arthritis, including prevention, equitable access to care and treatment, and elevating the urgency of the disease; and

WHEREAS Arthritis Society Canada is a Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare September 2024 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey