

# PROCLAMATION

## November 21, 2020 Hospice Day

**WHEREAS** Oak Bay has a long and proud history of supporting hospice work in our community, which began when Victoria Hospice was created 40 years ago. Victoria Hospice has enhanced the quality of life for people facing life-limiting illness, death, and bereavement through patient- and family-centred care, education, research, and advocacy since its establishment in 1980; *AND*

**WHEREAS** palliative and end-of-life care is now an integral part of the core mandate of our health authorities as defined by our federal and provincial Ministries of Health; *AND*

**WHEREAS** the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) recognizes National Bereavement Day in November, promoting resources and tools to help Canadians throughout their grief journeys – for those dealing with grief, bereavement, anticipatory grief, ambiguous grief, and chronic sorrow, *AND*

**WHEREAS** the courage and resilience of Victoria Hospice’s frontline teams during the pandemic is more than laudable; they support isolated patients when families cannot be present, provide the best possible end-of-life care while observing strict protocols, develop new ways to provide virtual bereavement services and psychosocial support, and demonstrate the commitment to excellence that has been a hallmark of Victoria Hospice for forty years;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay do hereby proclaim November 21, 2020 as Hospice Day in Oak Bay to recognize the importance of hospice care and the years of outstanding service that local hospice’s have provided our community. I encourage everyone to take part in Victoria Hospice’s *Celebrate a Life* virtual events, extending care and compassion for everyone who may be grieving at this time of year, including yourselves.



Kevin Murdoch, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay