PROCLAMATION

Myeloma Awareness Month March 1st to 31st, 2024

WHEREAS multiple myeloma, also known as myeloma, is a blood cancer that develops in plasma cells found in bone marrow, and while more Canadians and British Columbians are diagnosed with myeloma every day, the disease yet remains relatively unknown, and incurable; and

WHEREAS British Columbia's world-class medical research network continues to play a decisive role in generating ground-breaking research, leading to advancements in the diagnosis, treatment, and ultimate cure of multiple myeloma; and

WHEREAS numerous support groups across our province, like the Victoria Myeloma Support Group and a national patient organization, Myeloma Canada, work together to offer resources like information, advocacy, and a sense of community— to show people living with myeloma they are not alone; and

WHEREAS Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month is an opportunity to further educate the medical community and the public on recognizing the signs and symptoms of myeloma for earlier diagnoses and better outcomes for people suffering from this difficult disease.

NOW THEREFORE I, Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of The District of Oak Bay do hereby proclaim March 2024, as "**Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month**" in The District of Oak Bay.

Kevin Murdoch, Mayor The District of Oak Bay

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