

# PROCLAMATION

## *Huntington Disease Awareness Month May 1 - 30, 2023*

**WHEREAS** Huntington disease (HD) is a hereditary, neurodegenerative illness with physical, cognitive and emotional symptoms for which there is no cure;

**AND WHEREAS** one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk for developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD as a caregiver, family member, or friend;

**AND WHEREAS** HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death. It is likened to experiencing the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and schizophrenia all in one disease;

**AND WHEREAS** Huntington disease Awareness Month reflects the Huntington Society of Canada's (HSC) mission, which is to aspire to a world free from HD. HSC celebrates the resilience and hope demonstrated by the HD community. HSC aims to maximize the quality of life of people living with HD by delivering support services; enabling others to understand the disease; and supporting further breakthroughs in research to find treatments that address the root cause of HD;

**AND WHEREAS** HSC works with health and social services professionals to enable them to better serve people living with HD;

**AND WHEREAS** HSC is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to end Huntington disease. HSC is the only national health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with HD across Canada.

**NOW THEREFORE** I Kevin Murdoch, Mayor of The District of Oak Bay do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023, as "**Huntington Disease Awareness Month**" in The District of Oak Bay.



Kevin Murdoch, Mayor  
The District of Oak Bay