



# THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA  
MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**“National Dental Hygienists Week”**

**April 4, 2023 – April 10, 2023**

- WHEREAS:** 59% of Canadian children and 96% of adults have experienced cavities, and 21% of Canadian adults have experienced periodontal (gum) issues; and,
- WHEREAS:** Research shows a direct link between oral health and overall health and well-being, such as periodontal disease being linked to several 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 6<sup>th</sup> largest registered health profession in Canada, with more than 31,000 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; and,
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim

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