

# Mayor Wade Mills



## Proclamation

### National Dental Hygienists Week

**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 6th largest regulated health profession in Canada, with more than 34,000 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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Mayor Wade Mills, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 4–10, 2026 as: National Dental Hygienists Week™ in the Town of Shelburne.