



## Proclamation

### Respiratory Therapy Week

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Whereas,** The Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) celebrates Respiratory Therapy week annually. This week-long celebration serves to educate the public about the varied roles and responsibilities of respiratory therapists and to raise awareness of the significant contribution made by respiratory therapists across our health care system. This year, Respiratory Therapy Week runs from October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Whereas,** Working across Canada's healthcare system, respiratory therapists provide essential care to patients of all ages. They are highly trained health professionals dedicated to providing the best possible cardio-respiratory care by staying at the forefront of all available research and technology. They use their expertise in the assessment and management of respiratory diseases, in patient and family education, and in the resuscitation and stabilization of critically ill or injured patients. Respiratory therapists work in hospitals, in clinics, and in the community to help members of your community breathe easier.


**Whereas,** This year, more than ever, our health care system is relying on respiratory therapists. As frontline workers, they have been tirelessly providing care to those infected by COVID-19. The nature of their role and the care they provide requires them to be working alongside critically ill patients, often performing life sustaining procedures at the patient's head – the most infectious region for providing patients care during respiratory pandemic.

**Whereas,** Respiratory therapists have also played important roles behind front lines of the pandemic. They have been instrumental in preparing at every level: advising government, mobilizing supplies, designing pandemic ventilators and adjusting protocols to best function under the parameters of this new, highly contagious infection. They have also continued to provide essential care to a wide range of patients across our health care system who have not been afflicted by COVID-19.

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved I, Mayor Mike Savage on behalf of Regional Council do hereby proclaim October 25-31, 2020 as Respiratory Therapy Week in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia,  
This 25th day of October 2020



  
Mike Savage  
Mayor