



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

Respiratory Therapy Week

- WHEREAS** respiratory therapists provide front-line care in hospitals, clinics and the community to help patients of all ages breathe easier; and
- WHEREAS** respiratory therapists are trained health professionals that use their expertise in assessment and management of respiratory diseases, in patient and family education and in the care of critically ill or injured patients; and
- WHEREAS** this year, more than ever, our health care system is relying on respiratory therapists to provide care to those infected by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS** respiratory therapists work alongside critically ill patients, often performing life sustaining procedures; and
- WHEREAS** respiratory therapists also play important roles behind the front-lines of a pandemic that include advising governments, mobilizing supplies, designing pandemic ventilators, adjusting protocols and continuing to provide care to a wide range of patients in our health care system that have not been afflicted by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS** Respiratory Therapy Week is celebrated annually to educate the public about the varied roles and responsibilities of respiratory therapists and raise awareness of their contributions to the health care system, particularly during a pandemic;

Now therefore let it be known that I, **Cameron Friesen, Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living**, for the Province of Manitoba do hereby proclaim the week of October 25 – 31, 2020, as

Respiratory Therapy Week

in Manitoba and do commend its thoughtful observance to all the citizens of our province.



Minister

