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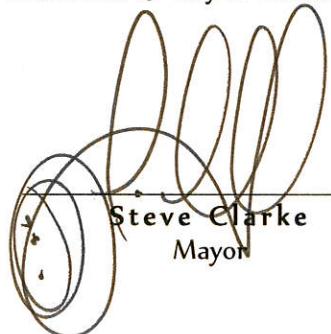
## PROCLAMATION

### Respiratory Therapy Week

October 25 – 31, 2020

- Whereas:** the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) and the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) join international Respiratory Societies in celebrating Respiratory Therapy Week annually. This weeklong 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 healthcare system; and
- 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 throughout our community in hospitals, in clinics, offices, government agencies, and in healthcare businesses to help members of our communities to breathe easier; and
- Whereas:** this year, more than ever, our communities are 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 patients' heads – the most infectious region for providing patient care during respiratory pandemics; and
- Whereas:** Respiratory Therapists have also played important roles behind the front lines of the pandemic. They have been instrumental in preparing at every level: advising government, mobilizing supplies, designing pandemic ventilators 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 healthcare system who have not been afflicted by COVID-19.
- Therefore:** I Mayor, Steve Clarke, do hereby proclaim October 25 – 31, 2020 as **"Respiratory Therapist Week"** in the City of Orillia.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020

  
Steve Clarke  
Mayor

