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**PROCLAMATION**

**MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS multiple myeloma, also known as myeloma, is a type of blood cancer that develops in plasma cells found in bone marrow; and*
- WHEREAS a growing number of Canadians and British Columbians are diagnosed with myeloma every day, the disease yet remains relatively unknown, and remains incurable; and*
- WHEREAS great strides have been made in the development of new innovative treatments for myeloma, there remains a critical need to raise awareness and support for British Columbians' access to these treatments and clinical research to find a cure for this deadly disease; and*
- WHEREAS numerous support groups across our province and country work together to offer resources like information, advocacy, and a sense of community – to show people living with myeloma they are not alone; and*
- WHEREAS Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month is an opportunity to provide further education so that new cases can be more readily detected and promptly treated, thereby enhancing the prospect for better prognosis and quality of life for people suffering from this difficult, lifelong disease;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan do hereby declare March 2024 as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month" in the City of Duncan.*

*Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*