

Proclamation

The Longest Day of SMILES 20 June 2020

WHEREAS: Operation Smile Canada announces 20 June 2020 as the Longest Day of SMILES to celebrate the joy of providing smiles to children born with cleft conditions in low- and middle- income countries; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile is a global medical charity helping to improve the health and lives of children in more than 60 countries, provided more than 300,000 children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial differences with free, life-changing surgical procedures and dental care. We also train doctors and local medical professionals, donate medical equipment and supplies, and provide year-round medical treatments through a network of comprehensive Care Centres. We dream of a world where no child suffers from lack of access to safe surgery; and

WHEREAS: The Longest Day of SMILES will bring together Canadians from across the nation to raise funds, awareness, and share smiles, with each other and with children born with cleft conditions. Now, more than ever, we all need a reason to smile; and

WHEREAS: On 20 June 2020, we join Operation Smile Canada in smiling from sun up to sun down, and celebrate changing children's lives by providing them with life-saving cleft lip and palate surgeries. Join the SMILE movement today by texting SMILE to 45678 to donate \$10 or visit www.operationsmile.ca to learn more;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim the date of 20 June 2020 as "The Longest Day of SMILES" in the City of St. John's and invite all citizens to observe this day – a day which recognizes the importance of a smile and the power of sharing smiles with children in low- and middle- income countries.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 15th day of June, 2020.



Danny Breen, Mayor