WHEREAS Children are vital to our province’s future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 to raise awareness of the alarming rates at which children were being abused and neglected; and

WHEREAS Child abuse continues to be one of our nation’s most serious health problems. Studies have shown child abuse and neglect causes psychological, emotional, and physical harm which can create lifelong problems for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS Every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on the involvement of all people; and

WHEREAS this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 26th day of April, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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