WHEREAS over 4,500 Canadians need an organ transplant and, every year, more than 250 people die while on wait lists; and

WHEREAS while 90 per cent of Canadians support organ donation; less than 20 per cent have registered their decision to donate; and

WHEREAS Bill C-202 enacted National Organ Donor Week in Canada in 1997; and

WHEREAS only through education and increased public awareness can people make the decision to donate their organs/tissues and make the tremendous contribution to the gift of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the week of April 22nd to April 28th, 2018 as "NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS WEEK" 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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LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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