“EARTH DAY”

WHEREAS plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals; and

WHEREAS humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050; and

WHEREAS approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled; and

WHEREAS all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

WHEREAS children, the youth, and the most vulnerable are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS it is more important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chain; and

WHEREAS it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues such as plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim April 22nd, 2018 as “EARTH DAY” on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 12th day of April, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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