

“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.

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