“NEIGHBOUR DAY”

WHEREAS Neighbour Day is a day designated to residents opening their doors and getting to know their neighbours through a variety of social activities and engagements; and

WHEREAS research shows that we, as humans, thrive on connection and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS a sense of belonging impacts both our mental health and physical well-being, and

WHEREAS the 2012 Vancouver Foundation survey reports 46% of people seldom see their neighbours; and

WHEREAS the 2014 Victoria Capital Region Community Wellbeing Survey reports Victoria residents know an average of only four neighbours well enough to ask a favour of; and

WHEREAS as demonstrated through Neighbourhood Block Watch meetings, connected neighbours make safer neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS May 6, 2018 has been designated as Neighbour Day to promote and create safe, welcoming neighbourhood communities by increasing inclusion and reducing isolation through neighbour to neighbour connections.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim May 6th, 2018 as “NEIGHBOUR 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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