

“ORCA AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *British Columbia’s resident Killer Whales (orcas) are listed as endangered (southern resident population) and threatened (northern resident population) under the Species at Risk Act 2003; and*

WHEREAS *the existence of orcas in our waters brings much pleasure and interest to residents of, and visitors to, British Columbia; and*

WHEREAS *the survival of the distinct Southern Resident ecotype has intrinsic value; and*

WHEREAS *the Province of British Columbia supports the efforts to help this endangered population through improving public understanding of the species and its needs; and*

WHEREAS *various conservation groups in the Pacific Northwest come together in the month of June to focus on educating the public and taking action to enhance the survival of orcas.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2018 as “ORCA AWARENESS MONTH” 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 24th day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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