## "VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK"

WHEREAS	when a crime occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, but their family members and the entire community; and
WHEREAS	victims and survivors of crime and their families deserve support from the community; and
WHEREAS	many victims service providers, police officers, and professionals working in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims and survivors of crime and their families; and
WHEREAS	victims and survivors of crime need to know that they have a voice in our criminal justice system and that there are laws in place to help them; and
WHEREAS	Victims and Survivors of Crime Week, May 27 to June 2, 2018 offers an opportunity to raise awareness about victim issues, and about the services and laws in place to help victims, survivors and their families; and
WHEREAS	the theme for Victims and Survivors of Crime Week – Transforming the Culture Together – by working together collaboratively, countless dedicated professionals and volunteers promote greater understanding of victim issues and services; and
WHEREAS	an increased awareness of issues faced by victims and survivors of crime will encourage citizens to discuss the impact of crime; and
WHEREAS	addressing victim and survivor issues requires the support and dedication of the whole community; and
WHEREAS	the support of The City of Victoria will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in Victims and Survivors of Crime Week.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim May 27th to June 2nd, 2018 as "VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK" 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 Sponsored by: Karyn French Greater Victoria Police Victim Services