

**“INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND
BIPHOBIA”**

WHEREAS *lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and Two-Spirit persons (LGBTQ2) across the country and around the world continue to be faced with legal, social, and institutional barriers that isolate and divide us; and*

WHEREAS *the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, May 17, is an annual reminder that while some progress that has been made towards eradicating these barriers, the City of Victoria joins the international call for further action to address the inequality and hatred faced by too many LGBTQ2 people throughout our communities; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria is committed to identifying and resolving policies and operations that block LGBTQ2 persons' equal access to, and enjoyment of, municipal services and programs; and*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the City of Victoria proclaims that it is time to tear down those barriers that we know to be discriminatory; and*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the City of Victoria encourages all people to recognize and embrace this day, to support the ongoing commitments to inclusion, acceptance and respect of all LGBTQ2 people; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim May 17th, 2018 as “INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA” 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 17th day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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