

**“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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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

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