

“POLLINATOR WEEK”

WHEREAS *pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and*

WHEREAS *pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and*

WHEREAS *pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as City forest, grasslands, and parks for decades; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of June 18th – June 24th, 2018 as “POLLINATOR 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
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