

**“LITERACY MONTH”**

**WHEREAS** *Literacy is the key to opportunity for Canadians to increase their chances for a good life and be successful in today’s modern world, as literacy is no longer simply the ability to read and write; and*

**WHEREAS** *Engaging children and youth in literacy programming ensures the best possible environment for getting a head start on literacy and lifelong learning; and*

**WHEREAS** *Solid literacy skills are vital to our country’s social and economic development; literacy offers all Canadians an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the education, growth and prosperity of Canada; and*

**WHEREAS** *Many organizations across Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and Canada, demonstrate daily – through the work in their community – their commitment to creating a culture of community based literacy and learning; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2018 as “**LITERACY 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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