

“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 9th day of August Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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