

“OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH”

WHEREAS *occupational therapy is a regulated health profession concerned with promoting health and well-being through occupation; and*

WHEREAS *the BC Ministry of Health recognizes that the occupational therapy profession makes a vital contribution to health care in our society; and*

WHEREAS *the services of occupational therapy enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in the activities which give meaning and purpose to their lives by working to overcome obstacles that prevent involvement in life’s occupations; and*

WHEREAS *the health and well-being of many Canadians is dependent on access to occupational therapy services in community agencies, hospitals, chronic care facilities, rehabilitation centres and clinics, schools, social agencies, industry or private practice; and*

WHEREAS *the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists – BC Chapter is the professional association for occupational therapists, providing members with practice supports, tools and advocacy on behalf of the profession; and*

WHEREAS *the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and its affiliate provincial and territorial occupational therapy associations have declared the month of October to be known as Occupational Therapy Month in recognition of occupational therapists’ integral role in health care delivery;*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as “**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 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 20th day of September Two Thousand and eighteen.

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

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