<u>"MANUFACTURING MONTH"</u>

- **WHEREAS** Manufacturing makes a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy and the prosperity of its citizens; and
- *WHEREAS* Victoria is home to 200 manufacturers with many leading innovation in sectors such as machinery, food manufacturing and metal products; and
- *WHEREAS* In British Columbia manufacturing is the third largest contributor to the provincial economy generating \$51.4 billion in value-added output equivalent to 7.1% of all economic activity in BC; and
- WHEREAS Over 61% of the province's exports are manufactured goods; and
- **WHEREAS** The Job Plan introduced Advanced Manufacturing as one of four Jobs Plan sectors that are expected to see major growth in the coming years, creating sustainable, long-term, high-paying jobs for our next generation; and
- *WHEREAS* Manufacturing provides well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities to 174,200 people across the Province with wages that are nearly 16.5% higher than the provincial average; and
- *WHEREAS* Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and partner organizations such as boards of trades, chambers, municipal and provincial governments are presenting an intense calendar of events, industry tours, workshops and student initiatives, including The BC Manufacturing Hal of Fame Awards through the month of October to heighten the profile of manufacturing and reinforce that manufacturing professions and skilled trades occupations are inspiring and rewarding careers; and
- *WHEREAS* It is important to remember manufacturing matters; everything each citizen encounters on a daily basis was created, designed, developed and produced by a manufacturer.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as "MANUFACTURING 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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