

“ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *adoptive families in British Columbia provide children with the love and support of a permanent family; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria wishes to recognize the care, compassion and unselfish commitment of British Columbia Adoptive families; and*

WHEREAS *there continues to be a need for adoptive families to nurture the growth and development of children especially those with special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria is committed to better understand and support indigenous communities in raising their children according to their traditional customs and practices; and*

WHEREAS *there is a need to remind citizens during this time that there are many children, teens and sibling groups in the province who are available for adoption..*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2018 as “ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH” on the **HOMELAND** 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 22nd Day of November, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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