

“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

- WHEREAS** 2019 marks the 29th year of celebrating Canadian contributions to poverty reduction and international humanitarian assistance. The theme for the year is “Together for Gender Equality” and we recognize that action from local organizations is an essential path towards social justice around the world; and
- WHEREAS** from February 3-9, we will commemorate Canadian partnerships between civil society organizations, community leaders, and governments, in their work to address the social, political, economic, and environmental inequalities around our world; and
- WHEREAS** Canadians significantly help improve quality of life in various communities through their involvement as international development stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters. The theme for this year’s International Development Week is “Together for Gender Equality”, encouraging Canadians to be leaders in promoting an equal and just world; and
- WHEREAS** International Development Week provides an opportunity for Canadians, to exercise their responsibilities as global citizens, and reflect on what we are doing to shape a better world; and
- WHEREAS** For this year’s International Development Week, VIDEA, alongside many university and community partners will be putting on a series of events through Victoria to give Canadians a chance to celebrate Canada’s international development achievements and challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the week of February 3rd – February 9th, 2019 as **“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK”** on the **HOMELAND** of the Lekwungen speaking **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 31st day of January Two Thousand and Nineteen.

LISA HELPS
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