

"HERITAGE WEEK 2019"

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria recognizes the importance of protecting and conserving our rich and diverse heritage by proclaiming Heritage Week; and*

WHEREAS *the theme for Heritage Week 2019 is Heritage: The Tie That Binds; and*

WHEREAS *Heritage Week is held to recognize the legacy that is the foundation of our community, connecting our citizens through shared values and creating a place of pride and social well-being; and*

WHEREAS *heritage creates and encourages economic activity, job creation, and tourism; and*

WHEREAS *our community is enhanced and sustained by its heritage places and spaces; and*

WHEREAS *we acknowledge that all people of our community contribute to our rich and cultural heritage;*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim February 18th – 24th 2019 as "HERITAGE WEEK 2019" 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 fourteenth day of February, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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