

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

WHEREAS *Children are the foundation for a prosperous and innovative society, and the foundation for a child's growth and development is established when the community takes responsibility for creating healthy environments where our children can thrive; and*

WHEREAS *All children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and community to foster their healthy growth and development; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long term health and well being of not only children, but also the adults they become; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities; and*

WHEREAS *this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim month of April 2019 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” on the **HOMELANDS** of the **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA**, **CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

LISA HELPS
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