

**“BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *more than 180,000 British Columbians are living with the outcome of an acquired brain injury; and*
- WHEREAS** *each year 22,000 British Columbians will suffer an acquired brain injury which may affect their cognitive, physical, psychological and social well-being; and*
- WHEREAS** *the effects are equally life-altering for the families, significant others, and friends; and*
- WHEREAS** *the personal costs to those living with a brain injury in the loss of quality of life, lost productivity and contribution to society is vast; and*
- WHEREAS** *the costs to society for care, supports, rehabilitation, emergency services and front line workers is astounding, and*
- WHEREAS** *public education for prevention and awareness are crucial within communities province-wide to reduce the incidence and prevalence of acquired brain injury, and*
- WHEREAS** *June has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month in British Columbia to reduce incidents, promote education and awareness, to aide survivors of brain injury to rebuild their live to achieve his or her maximum potential, and*
- WHEREAS** *The Cridge Centre for the Family and University of Victoria will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Survive Strive Thrive Conference, a one-day educational event on brain injury.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2019 as **“BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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

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