

**“ORCA AWARENESS MONTH – SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RESIDENTS”**

**WHEREAS** *British Columbia's resident Killer Whales (orcas) are listed as endangered (southern population at 74) and threatened (northern population) under the Species at Risk Act 2003; and*

**WHEREAS** *the existence of orcas brings much pleasure and interest to residents of, and visitors to, British Columbia, and continued existence of this population of culturally complex and sentient sea mammals has intrinsic value; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Province of British Columbia and the City of Victoria support the efforts to help this endangered population through improving public understanding of the species and its needs;*

**WHEREAS** *various conservation groups in the Pacific Northwest come together in the month of June to focus on educating the public and taking action to enhance the survival of orcas, the city declares June 2018 to be Orca Awareness Month .*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2019 as “ORCA AWARENESS MONTH – SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RESIDENTS” 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
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