

**“SMALL BUSINESS MONTH”**

**WHEREAS** *small businesses are at the heart of Victoria, leading innovation and adding to the vibrancy of our city; and*

**WHEREAS** *small businesses are essential to our local, provincial, and national economic wellbeing and provide numerous jobs; and*

**WHEREAS** *small businesses make up 98 percent of all business in BC; and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the small businesses within our community and their contributions to this beautiful city; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Downtown Victoria Business Association has coordinated a campaign to promote small businesses and highlight they're importance to our economy and community; and*

**WHEREAS** *we expand the concept of “Small Business Week” to encompass a month, as we recognize small businesses as a pillar of our community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2019 as **“SMALL BUSINESS MONTH”** on the **HOMELANDS** of the Lekwungen speaking **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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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

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**Christine Wood**  
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