## "PROJECT SERVE DAY"

- *WHEREAS* the University of Victoria is recognized annually as one of Canada's top universities and civic engagement is a key part of their mission and their faculty, students & staff work with community partners locally & globally to tackle issues that matter to people, places and the planet; and
- WHEREAS the University of Victoria is proud to partner with their community beyond the campus to make our region a better place and that building strong partnerships with community organizations and actively engaging local citizens from all walks of life is fundamental to the University of Victoria's approach; and
- WHEREAS it is recognized and strongly acknowledged that having students, alumni & staff engage in community as volunteers in a meaningful fashion builds capacities & resilience in both the participants & the places in which they volunteer and that participation in service learning activities as organized through Project Serve Day – a one day event that matches UVic students and alumni with local community organizations to spend one day volunteering to support a service project – is a meaningful way to facilitate learning & civic engagement; and
- *WHEREAS* Project Serve Day in the Greater Victoria Region will take place on Saturday September 14 2019; and
- **WHEREAS** I call upon all citizens to celebrate the many skills and talents that all volunteers bring to our region and to thank the student/alumni participants and Project Serve host organizations for their commitment to enhancing quality of life in our community through their mission of service.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as "PROJECT SERVE DAY" 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 September 5<sup>th</sup>, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored by: George Colussi Volunteer Victoria