

"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 October 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 19th day of September Two Thousand and Nineteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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