

“BRITISH HOME CHILD DAY”

WHEREAS *Over 100,00 Children from toddlers to the age of eighteen were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada. These children were either adopted or used as a source of labour on our farms and in our Canadian households. They are known today as the “British Home Children” (BHC); and*

WHEREAS *there are an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today; and*

WHEREAS *many of these children were settled on Vancouver Island and surrounding area. They contributed enormously to the building of our Island; and*

WHEREAS *the year 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first party of BHC to Canada; and*

WHEREAS *on September 28th, our National BHC Day in Canada, over 80 venues across Canada, Scotland and England will be participating in the “Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute” to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28th 2019 as
“BRITISH HOME CHILD 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 19th, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

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

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