

“PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *October 15th is recognized around the world as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day. It is a day of remembrance for pregnancy loss and infant/neonatal death which includes, but is not limited to miscarriage, termination for medical reasons, SIDS, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn; and*

WHEREAS *Greater Victoria, and Vancouver Island, is home to a strong community of loss parents who have engaged with support services offered by Healing Hearts Foundation. This strong, impassioned group of people are committed to supporting fellow families who experience the loss of a baby at any age or stage, and know that a public proclamation recognizing the significance of October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness day locally will have a tremendous impact in giving those whose grief is often disenfranchised a voice, and help to remove the taboo that is so often associated with pregnancy and infant loss.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 as “PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS 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 10th day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

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

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