



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH” **“WORLD DIABETES DAY”**

- WHEREAS** *an estimated 3,700 Victorians of all ages live with type 1 diabetes (T1D), a chronic, life-threatening autoimmune disease which occurs when a person’s immune system mistakenly destroys beta cells within the pancreas, leaving that person reliant on daily injections of insulin to keep them alive. We recognize the courageous people living with type 1, their community and support network, as well as the brilliant researchers mobilized towards finding a cure and improving the lives of those impacted by the disease.; and*
- WHEREAS** *Type 1 diabetes is a non-preventable, chronic and life-threatening autoimmune disease which leaves both children and adults dependent on insulin for life with the constant fear of developing complications; and*
- WHEREAS** *an estimated 3,700 people in Victoria, and 300,000 in Canada, are living with type 1 diabetes; and*
- WHEREAS** *the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) is working hard to advance world-leading research to prevent, treat and cure type 1 diabetes; and*
- WHEREAS** *the United Nations General Assembly has designated November 14 to be observed as a United Nations World Diabetes Day to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications.*
- NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the Month of November 2019 as “NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH” and November 14th, 2019 as “WORLD DIABETES DAY” 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 24th day of October Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

LISA HELPS
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