

“ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *Adoptive families provide children with the love and support of a permanent family; and*

WHEREAS *The City of Victoria wishes to recognize the care, compassion and unselfish commitment of British Columbia adoptive families; and*

WHEREAS *There continues to be a need for adoptive families to nurture the growth and development of children, especially those with special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities; and*

WHEREAS *There is a need to remind citizens during this time that there are many children and sibling groups who are waiting for adoption.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 as “ADOPTION AWARENESS 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 November 14th, Two Thousand and Nineteen.*

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

Sponsored by:
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