

“HERITAGE WEEK 2020”

- WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria recognizes the importance of protecting and conserving our rich and diverse heritage by proclaiming Heritage Week; and*
- WHEREAS** *the theme for Heritage Week 2020 is Heritage: Bringing the Past into the Future; and*
- WHEREAS** *Heritage Week is held to recognize the legacy that is the foundation of our community, connecting our citizens through shared values and creating a place of pride and social well-being; and*
- WHEREAS** *heritage creates and encourages economic activity, job creation, and tourism; and*
- WHEREAS** *our community is enhanced and sustained by its heritage places and spaces; and*
- WHEREAS** *our community celebrates the past and future by embracing, exploring and enjoying our enduring heritage; and*
- WHEREAS** *we acknowledge that all people of our community contribute to our rich and cultural heritage; and*
- WHEREAS** *we recognize our cultural and natural heritage are irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration, our touchstone, our reference point, and our identity; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of February 17th – 23rd, 2020 as*
“HERITAGE WEEK” *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 February 13th, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

LISA HELPS
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