

“PURPLE DAY”

- WHEREAS** *Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and*
- WHEREAS** *Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people with epilepsy to know they aren't alone; and*
- WHEREAS** *People in countries around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness on Purple Day; and*
- WHEREAS** *40,000 people in British Columbia, 400,000 people in Canada and 65 million people worldwide are living with epilepsy; and*
- WHEREAS** *Purple Day is an initiative to create a society that embraces the beauty of difference, and how even with our individuality, we can all come together to make the world a better place; and*
- WHEREAS** *Purple Day encourages people to rid the stigma around epilepsy and seizures; and*
- WHEREAS** *The onset of epilepsy can occur at any stage of life, Purple day is a health promotion that does not discriminate against age, race, or gender.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of March 26th, 2020 as **“PURPLE 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 March 12th, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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