

**“PRIDE WEEK”**

**WHEREAS** *the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ2S+) community; there friends and allies of are integral and important contributing members of Victoria; and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the rights and freedoms of these and all Canadian citizens to love whom they choose and to establish for themselves a healthy vital family unit defined by that love; and*

**WHEREAS** *the citizens of the City of Victoria come together annually at “Pride Week” to celebrate the achievements of this freedom and to recognize those worldwide who have yet to establish these same rights.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “PRIDE 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 June 25<sup>th</sup>, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

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

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