

“LONGEST DAY OF SMILES”

- WHEREAS** *Operation Smile Canada announces 20 June 2020 as the Longest Day of SMILES to celebrate the joy of providing smiles to children born with cleft conditions in low- and middle- income countries; and*
- WHEREAS** *Today, Operation Smile is a global medical charity helping to improve the health and lives of children in more than 60 countries. We have provided more than 300,000 children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial differences with free life-changing surgical procedures and dental care. We train doctors and local medical professionals, donate medical equipment and supplies and provide year-round medical treatments through a network of comprehensive care centres; and*
- WHEREAS** *While the world flattens the COVID-19 Curve, there is a longer line-up for kids born with cleft conditions growing everyday. Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft lip, a cleft palate, or both. This statistic does not change—even during a pandemic; and*
- WHEREAS** *We believe that every children suffering from cleft conditions deserves exceptional surgical care. We dream of a world where no child suffers from lack of access to safe surgery; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Longest Day of SMILES will bring together Canadians from across the nation to share smiles, with each other and with children born with cleft conditions in low- and middle- income countries. Now, more than ever, we all need a reason to smile; and*
- WHEREAS** *On 20 June 2020, we join Operation Smile Canada in smiling from sun up to sun down, and celebrate changing children’s lives by providing them with life saving cleft lip and palate surgeries.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 20th, 2020 as “**THE LONGEST DAY OF SMILES**” 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 11th, Two Thousand and Twenty.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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