

“SMALL BUSINESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *small businesses are at the heart of Victoria, leading innovation and adding to the vibrancy of our city; and*

WHEREAS *during the pandemic, even more than before, local businesses need local support to survive; and*

WHEREAS *small businesses are and essential to our local, provincial, and national economic wellbeing and provide numerous jobs; rights; and*

WHEREAS *small businesses make up 98 percent of all business in BC; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the small businesses within our community and their contributions to this beautiful city; and*

WHEREAS *the Downtown Victoria Business Association has coordinated a campaign to promote small businesses and highlight they're importance to our economy and community; and*

WHEREAS *we expand the concept of “Small Business Week” to encompass a month, as we recognize small businesses are a pillar of our community.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 as “SMALL BUSINESS 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 October 1st, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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