

**“THE DAY OF AWARENESS FOR SURVIVORS OF  
FINANCIAL ABUSE AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE”**

**WHEREAS** *Whereas economic abuse is a deliberate pattern of control in which individuals interfere with their partner’s ability to acquire, use, and maintain economic resources; and*

**WHEREAS** *a lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman’s independence and agency, such as limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental well-being, and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to poverty and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and*

**WHEREAS** *each day in Canada, approximately 51% of women staying in shelters for women and children report experiencing financial abuse, economic abuse is a seldom talked about yet prevalent issue faced by survivors of domestic violence in Canada; and*

**WHEREAS** *economic abuse has happened to many generations of Canadian women and continues to happen regardless of socio-economic status, race, age or other identity factors; and*

**WHEREAS** *it is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, take action to protect victims and support survivors of economic abuse.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as “**THE DAY OF AWARENESS FOR SURVIVORS OF FINANCIAL ABUSE AND ECONOMIC INJUSTICE**” 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 November 12<sup>th</sup>, Two Thousand and Twenty.

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