"RISING ECONOMY WEEK"

WHEREAS   *the COVID-19 pandemic has heavily impacted all communities throughout Southern Vancouver Island and underscored the need for a collaborative, cross-sector response that will engage our citizens, ensure our region's economic resilience and create sustainable, inclusive economic growth into the future; and*

WHEREAS   *during Rising Economy Week, South Island Prosperity Partnership will announce the economic recovery recommendations developed by the multi-stakeholder Rising Economy Taskforce. These recommendations will focus on accelerating regional economic recovery and will help to create the resiliency within our communities to withstand future economic shocks. At its core, Rising Economy Week is a tangible representation of how our regional community is able to rally together and unite in the face of such an unprecedented situation; and*

WHEREAS   *South Island Prosperity Partnership responded to the unprecedented economic conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic by convening the Rising Economy Taskforce, a multi-stakeholder collaborative initiative made up of an alliance of over 65 public and private-sector partners on southern Vancouver Island, including 11 local governments, nine First Nations, three post-secondary institutions, nine industry associations and nonprofits, five Chambers of Commerce and more than 30 major employers; and*

WHEREAS   *the not-for-profit South Island Prosperity Partnership is committed to fulfilling its mandate to advance the economic growth and sustainable prosperity of the Southern Vancouver Island region.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of November 16th to 20th, 2020 as "**RISING ECONOMY 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 November 12th Two Thousand and Twenty.*

LISA HELPS
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