

“WORLD DIABETES DAY”

WHEREAS *diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 425 million people worldwide; and*

WHEREAS *11 million Canadians live with diabetes or prediabetes, meaning one in three Canadians either has diabetes or prediabetes; and*

WHEREAS *520 000 British Columbians currently live with diabetes; and*

WHEREAS *the cost of diabetes in British Columbia is approximately \$509 million and is expected to rise to \$685 million by 2029; and*

WHEREAS *there is a great need to raise funds for research into better methods of treatment, and ultimately a cure; and*

WHEREAS *Diabetes Canada is leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while it works to find a cure; and*

WHEREAS *maintaining positive health and wellness can in many cases lead to the prevention of prediabetes and type 2 diabetes as well as better diabetes management; and*

WHEREAS *World Diabetes Day this year focuses on a nationwide diabetes strategy, Diabetes 360°, and British Columbia will work on developing a provincial strategy modelled on the Diabetes 360° framework; and*

WHEREAS *Diabetes Canada encourages governmental and non-governmental organizations to recognize World Diabetes Day to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 14th, 2020 as **“WORLD DIABETES DAY”** 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.

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