CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

"GBS/CIDP AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS *May 2021, has been designated as "GBS and CIDP Awareness Month" to educate the public and to focus attention on Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), rare, paralyzing and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves; and*

WHEREAS *the cause of GBS and CIDP is unknown. The length of the illness is unpredictable. It is characterized by the rapid onset of weakness and often, paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles and face. Usually, months of hospital care are required with patients and families facing an uncertain future, not knowing if and when recovery will occur. Some may face long-term disabilities of varying degrees. GBS or CIDP can develop in any person at any age, regardless of gender or ethnic background.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as "**GBS/CIDP AWARENESS 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 twenty-second day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

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LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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