



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### **“HUNTINGTON DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *Huntington disease (HD) is a hereditary, neurodegenerative illness with physical, cognitive and emotional symptoms for which there is no cure; and*
- WHEREAS** *one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk for developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD as a caregiver, family member, or friend; and*
- WHEREAS** *HD causes cells in specific parts of the brain to die. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death. It is likened to experiencing the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and schizophrenia all in one disease; and*
- WHEREAS** *Huntington disease Awareness Month reflects the Huntington Society of Canada's (HSC) mission, which is to aspire to a world free from HD. HSC celebrates the resilience and hope exemplified by the HD community. HSC strives to maximize the quality of life of people living with HD by delivering support services; enabling others to understand the disease; and supporting further breakthroughs in research to find treatments that address the root cause of HD; and*
- WHEREAS** *HSC works with health and social services professionals to enable them to better serve people living with HD; and*
- WHEREAS** *HSC is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to end Huntington disease. HSC is the only national health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with HD across Canada.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as “**HUNTINGTON DISEASE 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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