



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“BASEBALL SHIRT DAY”

WHEREAS baseball is an increasingly national pastime for children and adults, and after an absence of 13 years, will make its Olympic Games return this summer in 2021 at Tokyo 2020; and

WHEREAS the City of Victoria, in 2017, recognized June 11 as Doug Hudlin Day, since Doug Hudlin was a long serving employee of the City of Victoria who dedicated many years to the sport of baseball, as both a player and an umpire of more than 40 years’ service; and was chosen as the first non-American umpire to work the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, and became the first international umpire ever to work a second Little League World Series; and

WHEREAS Doug Hudlin’s work was recognized with his induction into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, the B.C. Baseball Umpires Association Hall of Fame, the Little League Umpire Alumni, as a founding member of the British Columbia Black History Awareness Society; and with recognition at National Little League Park and the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame (CBHF) in St. Mary’s, Ontario; and

WHEREAS the City of Victoria recognizes the contributions to our community by individuals like Doug Hudlin, and his niece Barbara Hudlin who has dedicated hundreds of hours to mentoring young people and introducing them to the skills, self-discipline and healthy choices resulting from participation in baseball, and works with the organization “Step Up to the Plate” a charity baseball program in support of Special Olympics, a sporting program that brings people together, creating a more inclusive world for all; and

WHEREAS the City of Victoria encourages participation and recognition of the health and community benefits of sports, especially baseball, and the joy, happiness and support for charity work that is demonstrated by wearing garments celebrating baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Friday, June 11, 2021 as ***“BASEBALL SHIRT 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 6th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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