

## CITY OF VICTORIA

## PROCLAMATION

## "ACTION ANXIETY DAY"

- *WHEREAS* June 10, 2021 has been declared the first World Anxiety Day, to be known as Action Anxiety Day – an annual awareness and education day created in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada by Anxiety Canada; and
- **WHEREAS** Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, at least 18 % of Canadians and up to 5.8% of the world population were affected by anxiety disorders, with women being impacted nearly twice as much as men; and
- **WHEREAS** Anxiety disorders interfere with an individual's everyday activities that may include participation in work, school, and making social connections; and
- *WHEREAS* Stigma and access to affordable treatment can be major barriers to individuals living life the way they want; and
- *WHEREAS* Sharing evidence-based resources and engaging communities about anxiety and anxiety disorders can reduce stigma and improve the well-being of communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as "ACTION ANXIETY 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA

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