



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“LONGEST DAY OF SMILES”

WHEREAS *Operation Smile Canada announces June 20, 2021 as the Longest Day of SMILES to raise funds and awareness; and*

WHEREAS *Operation Smile is a global medical charity helping to improve the health and lives of children in more than 60 countries. We have provided more than 300,000 children and young adults born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial differences with free life-changing surgical procedures and dental care. We train doctors and local medical professionals, donate medical equipment and supplies and provide year-round medical treatments through a network of comprehensive care centres; and*

WHEREAS *Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft lip, a cleft palate, or both. This statistic does not change—even during a pandemic; and*

WHEREAS *The Longest Day of SMILES will unite Canadians across the nation to raise funds, awareness, and share smiles, with each other, for children born with cleft conditions; and*

WHEREAS *on June 20, 2021 we encourage residents of Victoria to visit longestdayofsmiles.ca to learn more.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 20th, 2021 as “LONGEST DAY OF SMILES” 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 10th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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