

## CITY OF VICTORIA

## **PROCLAMATION**

## "MANUFACTURING MONTH"

- WHEREAS Manufacturing makes a significant contribution to British Columbia's economy and the prosperity of its citizens; and
   WHEREAS Victoria is home to 200 manufacturers with many leading innovation in sectors such as machinery, food manufacturing and metal products; and
   WHEREAS In British Columbia, manufacturing is the third largest contributor to the provincial economy
- whereas In British Columbia, manufacturing is the third largest contributor to the provincial economy generating \$53 billion in value-added output equivalent to 6.9% of BC's gross domestic product; and
- WHEREAS Over 58.8% of the province's exports are manufactured goods; and
- WHEREAS The provincial government is committed to partnering with manufacturers to develop a multi-year growth strategy to support the sector in meeting its staffing needs and to expand exports; and
- WHEREAS Manufacturing provides well-paying, high-skilled employment opportunities to 165,800 employees paying 13% above the average wage; and
- WHEREAS Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) and partner organizations are presenting events, and planning communications through the month of October to heighten the profile of manufacturing and reinforce that manufacturing professions and skilled trade occupations are inspiring and rewarding careers; and
- WHEREAS It is important to remember manufacturing matter; everything each citizen encounters on a daily basis was created, designed, developed and produced by a manufacturer.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as "MANUFACTURING 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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