



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### **“ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *Every October, cities across Canada commemorate Islamic History Month; and*
- WHEREAS** *Islamic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to learn about the rich Islamic history and culture in our city. This provides an opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate, contributions of Muslim-Canadians to the communities they live in; and*
- WHEREAS** *Islamic history and culture encompass a broad range of individual and collective experiences, as well as important contributions to literature, math, science, art and history; and*
- WHEREAS** *in 2007 the Government of Canada declared the month of October in each year as Canadian Islamic History Month; and*
- WHEREAS** *residents across the city are encouraged to learn more about their neighbors, Islam and to celebrate our city’s diverse Muslim community, and*
- WHEREAS** *raising awareness, celebrating contributions and fostering a greater sense of belonging, inclusion as a diverse city truly reflects our shared Canadian values; and*
- WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria acknowledges the diversity that makes our city strong and as Capital City of British Columbia, Victoria has become a model city where all religions, faiths and beliefs are respected and accepted.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the Month of October, 2021 as “**ISLAMIC HERITAGE 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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**Councillor Sharmarke Dubow**