



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### “INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH”

**WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria is committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding where Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit Métis) peoples living with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide are celebrated and valued; and*

**WHEREAS** *Indigenous peoples across British Columbia and Canada experience a disability rate higher than Canada’s non-Indigenous population and often face unique barriers and discrimination that impacts their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available within our city and province; and*

**WHEREAS** *The City of Victoria is committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), including full and effective participation and inclusion in Society and equality of opportunity; and*

**WHEREAS** *By proclaiming the month of November as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM), the City of Victoria wishes to join urban and rural Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, provinces, disability organizations, individuals living with disabilities and their families across British Columbia and Canada, in recognizing and celebrating this diverse and important segment of our society.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as “INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS 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 28<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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**Neil Belanger**  
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