



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *Domestic economic abuse is a pattern of control, exploitation or sabotage of money, finances and economic resources (car, food, education, transportation) which affects an individual’s capacity to acquire, use and maintain economic resources and threatens their economic security and self-sufficiency; and*

WHEREAS *A lack of access to economic resources undermines a woman’s independence, such as leaving abusing relationship, limiting her access to social support services, undermining mental and physical well-being, and exacerbating other risk factors contributing to homeless, generational trauma and other forms of marginalization affecting women; and*

WHEREAS *Women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical and other forms of gender-based violence; and 99% of situations which include coercive control will lead to economic and financial abuse; and*

WHEREAS *Economic abuse has severely impacted numerous generations of Canadian and continues to occur regardless of socio-economic status, race, age or other identity factors; and*

WHEREAS *It is of utmost importance that government, at all levels, take action to support survivors of financial and economic abuse.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim November 26th, 2021, as “**ECONOMIC ABUSE AWARENESS 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 14th day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
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