



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA”

WHEREAS *the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms recognizes that no one can be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; and*

WHEREAS *Quebec is a society open to everyone, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people (LGBTQ+) and to all other people who identify with sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender identities and expressions; and*

WHEREAS *despite recent efforts towards greater inclusion of LGBT people, homophobia and transphobia are still present in society; and*

WHEREAS *May 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, is celebrated as such in many countries and is the result of a Quebec-based initiative promoted by Fondation Émergence starting in 2003; and*

WHEREAS *there is reason to support the efforts of Fondation Émergence in holding this day.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Tuesday May 17th, 2022 as “INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA” 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 12th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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