

## CITY OF VICTORIA

## **PROCLAMATION**

## "LONGEST DAY OF SMILES"

- **WHEREAS** Operation Smile Canada is a global medical charity providing free, life-changing surgeries and medical care to children born with cleft conditions around the world; and
- **WHEREAS** Every 3 minutes, a child is born with a cleft condition, and lack of access to safe, effective surgery means that easily treatable conditions like cleft lip and cleft palate can become fatal; and
- **WHEREAS** Operation Smile Canada believes every child born with a cleft condition deserves exceptional surgical care; and
- **WHEREAS** The Longest Day of SMILES® will unite Canadians from coast to coast to coast as they raise awareness and funds; and
- WHEREAS On June 19th, 2022, the citizens of Victoria are encouraged to learn more about how to support this worthy cause by visiting www.longestdayofsmiles.ca; and
- WHEREAS Our community can help celebrate the Longest Day of SMILES® by posting #longestdayofsmiles on social media.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as "LONGEST DAY OF SMILES" 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored by: Operation Smile Canada