



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *Lissencephaly is a rare gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have less or no ridges & folds; making it appear smooth. It is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born with this condition; and*

WHEREAS *people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia, epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more; and*

WHEREAS *addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to helping families successfully care for their children at home. The need for more education, awareness & support for families is desperately needed; and*

WHEREAS *It is appropriate that one day each year should be set apart from the rest and be known as Lissencephaly Awareness Day, this day shall be on September 8th; and*

WHEREAS *Lissencephaly Foundation Inc; a nonprofit charitable organization wants to help support these individuals through our continued efforts of empowering families and educating communities; and*

WHEREAS *The City of Victoria urge our citizens, patients, caregivers, medical professionals and all agencies and organizations interested in supporting these families to unite on that day in observance of such exercises.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Thursday September 8th, as “LISSENCEPHALY 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 26th day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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