



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“OROMO DAY”

WHEREAS *The Oromo community Association of Victoria & Oromo Canadian Community Association of Vancouver Island called for the creation of a day to celebrate Oromo Culture, Heritage, Pride and History; and*

WHEREAS *on June 29, 2020, Hachalu Hundessa, a prominent artist and advocate for the Oromo people was murdered; and*

WHEREAS *over 56 Oromo families, and growing, call Victoria home; and*

WHEREAS *the Oromo Community contribute to the diversity, vibrancy, and talent of this province; and*

WHEREAS *the Oromo people have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. However, they are being persecuted by their own government. Canada recently declared it unsafe to travel to some regions of Oromia; and*

WHEREAS *Oromo day is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more, recognize, and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding contributions of the Oromo People; and*

WHEREAS *The municipality of Victoria acknowledges the values and contributions of the Oromo community in Victoria, British Columbia.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Wednesday June 29th, 2022 as “OROMO 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 23rd day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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