



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“SPECIAL OLYMPICS GLOBAL WEEK OF INCLUSION”

- WHEREAS** *July 2022 marks the anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement, with the first International Special Olympics Games being held on July 20, 1968, at Soldier Field in Chicago; and;*
- WHEREAS** *Special Olympics has become a global movement for change and social justice, using sports, health and education to empower more than 3 million athletes with intellectual disabilities and create inclusive communities around the world; and*
- WHEREAS** *Special Olympics sport programs operate year-round here in our community, providing vital opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to show their skills, build their health and fitness, and create vital friendships; and*
- WHEREAS** *The pandemic has been extremely difficult for people with intellectual disabilities, who were already far too familiar with the pain of isolation, and today it is more important than ever to support them and the year-round Special Olympics sport programs where they belong and thrive; and*
- WHEREAS** *Special Olympics will celebrate their Global Week of Inclusion in July 2022, calling for people around the world to commit to making their communities more inclusive for people with intellectual disabilities.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of July 18th to July 24th 2022 as “**SPECIAL OLYMPICS GLOBAL WEEK OF INCLUSION**” 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 July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
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