



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# PROCLAMATION

### **“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

**WHEREAS** *Childhood Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in Canada, killing more children between the ages of one and twenty than Asthma, Diabetes, Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS combined. Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer around the world every year; and*

**WHEREAS** *Every year more than 1700 children are diagnosed with Cancer in Canada; and*

**WHEREAS** *Every year in Canada over 300 children under the age of 20 years will lose their lives to cancer; and*

**WHEREAS** *Of the children who survive their initial cancer most will develop lifetime side effects and are much more likely to develop another form of malignant cancer; and*

**WHEREAS** *The mental health of children and youth with cancer including their families should be paramount, and support attainable; and*

**WHEREAS** *Our children are our most precious resource and are truly valued by all peoples of British Columbia.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as “CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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