



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# PROCLAMATION

### **“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL”**

- WHEREAS** *The United Nations declared October 11 as the International Day of the Girl recognizing girls’ rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world; and*
- WHEREAS** *This day promotes girls’ empowerment and their human rights. Ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right but can help overcome the barriers girls face to a safe, educated and healthy life; and*
- WHEREAS** *If effectively supported during their adolescent years, girls have the potential to change the world – both as today and tomorrow’s workers, mothers, mentors, entrepreneurs and political leaders; and*
- WHEREAS** *We celebrate the achievements of young women, honour girls’ rights and provide equal opportunities both in our workplaces and in society; and*
- WHEREAS** *Today reminds us we must do everything we can to empower girls in our communities to bring about the change they want to see, and we must invest in them and their collective future as it benefits entire communities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Tuesday October 11, 2022 as “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL” 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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**LISA HELPS**  
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**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
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