

CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

"NATIONAL FOREST WEEK"

WHEREAS	Canada's forests are a valuable, renewable resource that contribute to our economy and the livelihoods of our communities; and
WHEREAS	Canada's forests play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, clean air, water and wildlife habitat whilst being an important aspect of climate change mitigation efforts; and
WHEREAS	The City of Victoria and its citizens rely on the surrounding forests for livelihood, health and recreation; and
WHEREAS	this annual one-week campaign with the theme of "Canada's Forests: Solutions for a Changing Climate" will be celebrated cross Canada by individuals and organizations.
NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim September 18 th - September 24 th , 2022 as "NATIONAL FOREST WEEK" on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.	
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 8^{th} day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored by: Canadian Institute of Forestry