



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHINESE STUDENTS’ STRIKE AGAINST RACISM AND SEGREGATION DAY”

WHEREAS *on July 1922, the Victoria School District Board (VSDB) voted to extend the segregation of all racialized Chinese students to Grade 7; and*

WHEREAS *at the time, most students only attended school to Grade 8; and*

WHEREAS *The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, the Chinese Canadian Club, and the Chinese Commerce Association tried unsuccessfully to prevent this decision from being implemented; and*

WHEREAS *the president of the Chinese Canadian Club said at the time, “If we accept this, we have no reasons to expect any better results... It is not the 200 children now affected that we have to think of, but the whole of our future is involved in this question. We cannot afford to take any other attitude than the one we have taken; and*

WHEREAS *from historical documents we understand that when the order came into effect on September 5, 1922, Chinese students were called out of their classes at George Jay and Central schools, lined up, and marched down to a newly established Chinese-only school on Kings Road; and*

WHEREAS *when the students reached Kings Road, a Chinese boy, holding the reputation of being the quietest and most studious in the class, shouted something in Cantonese and all the students dispersed and went home; and*

WHEREAS *this was the start of the Chinese students’ strike which lasted for one year.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Monday September 5th, 2022 as “100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHINESE STUDENTS’ STRIKE AGAINST RACISM AND SEGREGATION 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 1st day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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