

## CITY OF VICTORIA

## PROCLAMATION

## "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY"

- **WHEREAS** Organizations in Local communities across Canada, including non-profits, school, hospitals and social service agencies, work to help foster resilience and emotional healing in children and youth who are grieving a loss from a life altering crisis; and
- **WHEREAS** Children's Grief Awareness Day raises awareness of the impact of loss on children and their support, and to help others understand how to best to show their support for and solidarity with grieving children; and
- **WHEREAS** for many grieving children, the most helpful bereavement support to receive is a listening ear, acknowledgement of their feelings, and the support of caring individuals like family, friends or others also grieving a loss; and
- **WHEREAS** Children's grieve Awareness Day is an opportunity to support the grieving process of children and to let grieving children know they are not forgotten.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA Sponsored by: RAINBOWS FOR ALL CHILDREN CANADA