



## CITY OF VICTORIA

# PROCLAMATION

### **“CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADA BY THE ISMAILI COMMUNITY”**

- WHEREAS** *September 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the first mass settlement of the Ismaili Muslim community from all parts of the world in Canada; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Ismaili Muslim community in British Columbia includes members from across the world, with a diverse tapestry of backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and ethno-linguistic traditions, and*
- WHEREAS** *the Ismaili Muslim community in Canada and British Columbia share a commitment to the common values of peace, pluralism, generosity, compassion, voluntary and civic service, and to the betterment of the quality of all, and*
- WHEREAS** *the Ismaili Muslim community, rich in its heritage, history, and diversity, throughout its presence in Canada, continued to make a sustained and vital contribution to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the province, and*
- WHEREAS** *Ismaili CIVIC volunteers have contributed millions of hours in voluntary service in support of the improvement of their communities, ranging from green space beautification, food bank drives, supporting isolated seniors, and donating blood.*
- WHEREAS** *over the past 50 years, His Highness the Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of the Ismaili Community, has established a number of institutions and projects in Canada, including the Aga Khan Museum, Aga Khan Park, Aga Khan Garden, two Ismaili Centres, as well as the Global Centre for Pluralism established in partnership with the Government of Canada, all aimed at establishing space to foster dialogue and mutual respect between and amongst peoples of all backgrounds.*
- NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 as “50 Years of the ISMAILI MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN CANADA” 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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

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