



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *Indigenous peoples with disabilities often face unique barriers that impact their ability to fully participate in the social and economic opportunities available in our communities; and*

WHEREAS *We are committed to the ideal of an inclusive society based on respect and understanding, where Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Metis, Inuit) with disabilities and the significant contributions they provide to our communities, organizations, provinces, territories and country are recognized, celebrated, and valued; and*

WHEREAS *We are committed to upholding and safeguarding the principles outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including full and effective participation and inclusion in society, equality of opportunity, and the United Nations CRPD International Committee's recommendation to Canada to proclaim and recognize November each year as Indigenous Disability Awareness Month; and*

WHEREAS *We wish to recognize and support Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC) / British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society's (BCANDS) creation of Indigenous Disability Awareness Month (IDAM) and join governments, urban and rural Indigenous communities, disability organizations, individuals with disabilities and their families, from across the country, in recognizing and celebrating these diverse and vital members of our communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2022 as “INDIGENOUS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH” 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 6th day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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