



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# PROCLAMATION

### **“2022 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES”**

**WHEREAS** *Disability inclusion is an essential condition to upholding human rights, sustainable development, and peace and security. The commitment to realizing the rights of persons with disabilities is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future; and*

**WHEREAS** *the global crisis of COVID-19 deepened the pre-existing inequalities, exposing the extent of exclusion and highlighting that work on disability inclusion is imperative. People with disabilities - one billion people - are one of the most excluded groups in our society and were the hardest hit in this crisis in terms of fatalities; and*

**WHEREAS** *even under normal circumstances, persons with disabilities are less likely to access health care, education, employment and to participate in the community. An integrated approach is required to ensure that persons with disabilities are not left behind.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, as “2022 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES” 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

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**MARIANNE ALTO**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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