



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# PROCLAMATION

### **“CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK”**

**WHEREAS** *Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most common of all birth defects occurring in about one in every 100 births in Canada. Heart defects are present at birth and affect the structure of the heart and how blood flows throughout the heart and body; and*

**WHEREAS** *More than 50 percent of all children born with CHD will require at least one invasive surgery in their lifetime; and*

**WHEREAS** *Survival of children with CHD has greatly improved thanks to advances in medical technology, but for some, CHD means lifelong cardiac care; and*

**WHEREAS** *With more patients reaching adulthood continued efforts in fundraising and research is required to ensure access to ongoing care and support.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the week of February 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2023, as “CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK” 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.*

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**MARIANNE ALTO**  
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**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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