



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“WORLD REFRIDGERATION DAY”

WHEREAS *World Refrigeration Day raises awareness about the importance of refrigeration technologies in everyday life; and*

WHEREAS *Refrigeration technology is used to preserve and enable transport of food and medicine, provide thermal comfort, and improve air quality through ventilation, thus allowing society to live, travel and work safely and comfortably; and*

WHEREAS *Spratt’s Wharf in the City of Victoria was the site of the first mechanical ice production in British Columbia on August 8th 1889 by City Alderman S.L. Kelly, the first Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic in Victoria; and*

WHEREAS *The City of Victoria has identified several High Impact Initiatives that depend in large part on refrigeration technologies, like oil-to- heat pump incentives, home energy and efficiency retrofit programs, and the acceleration of low carbon step code requirements for commercial and residential buildings; and*

WHEREAS *Recognizing the critical role that Refrigeration Air Conditioning Mechanics have in providing these essential benefits to the public and contributing to the well-being of future generations, the fifth annual World Refrigeration Day celebrated this year with the theme of “Cooling Matters” is an opportunity to show support for RACM Tradespersons and Apprentices in the City of Victoria.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Monday, June 26 2023, as “WORLD REFRIDGERATION 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 1th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.*

MARIANNE ALTO
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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