## "UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day"

- WHEREAS the United Nations has again called for an international campaign 16 days of activism against gender-based violence running from Nov. 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day); and
- WHEREAS violence against women is pervasive around the world, including Canada; and
- WHEREAS violence against women takes many forms, including physical, emotional, and sexual violence; deprivation; bullying; discrimination and harassment; neglect of older women; child marriage; female genital mutilation; and sexual violence against women in conflict zones; and
- WHEREAS in Canada, violence against women is disproportionally experienced by Indigenous women; and
- WHEREAS by creating worldwide awareness and calling on governments to match adequate, sustained resources to their political commitments, we will find solutions to end gender-based violence.
- NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of November 25, 2017 as "UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day" on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS" in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, and urge all residents of Victoria, BC to participate in the United Nations campaign "Orange The World", using orange to symbolize a brighter future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of November, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

LISA HELPS MAYOR CITY OF VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA

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## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of November 9, 2017

To:

Committee of the Whole

Date:

October 30, 2017

From:

Chris Coates, City Clerk

Subject:

Proclamation "UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day" November 25, 2017

## RECOMMENDATION

That the *UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day Proclamation* be forwarded to the November 9, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day Proclamation*. Council has established a policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of 2016 and 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Coates City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "UNITE to End Violence Against Women Day"

Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations