

**“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK”**

**WHEREAS** 2018 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VIDEA. We recognize that action from local organizations is an essential path towards social justice around the world; and

**WHEREAS** from February 4-10, we will commemorate Canadian partnerships between civil society organizations, community leaders and governments in their work to address the social, political, economic, and environmental inequalities around our world; and

**WHEREAS** Canadians significantly help improve quality of life in various communities through their involvement as international development stakeholders, volunteers, and supporters. The theme for this year's International Development Week is “Partners for a Better World”, encouraging Canadians to join together in building a better, more peaceful world; and

**WHEREAS** International Development Week provides an opportunity for Canadians, to exercise their responsibilities as global citizens, and reflect on what we are doing to shape a better world; and

**WHEREAS** for this year's International Development Week, VIDEA, alongside many university and community partners will be putting on a series of events throughout Victoria to give Canadians a chance to celebrate Canada's international development achievements and challenges.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim February 4<sup>th</sup> to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as  
“INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK” on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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