

“WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY”

WHEREAS *Pancreatic cancer affects the pancreas’ ability to assist in the digestion and the breakdown of food and production of insulin and other hormones that are important for controlling the level of sugar in the blood; and*

WHEREAS *Pancreatic cancer can be cured when diagnosed early. However, pancreatic cancer is seldom detected in its early stages as it is often asymptomatic. Signs and symptoms may not appear until pancreatic cancer is quite advanced and surgical removal isn’t possible which is one of the major reasons why it is the third leading cause of cancer related deaths in the world; and*

WHEREAS *in 2017, there will be 5,500 Canadians diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and 4,800 (93%) deaths; and*

WHEREAS *Craig’s Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society is a charitable society in Canada whose mission is to provide information and support to those with pancreatic cancer and their families; to create awareness and educate both the general public and health professionals about the disease, and to raise research funds leading to earlier detection, and better treatments and quality of life for patients; and*

WHEREAS *Pancreatic cancer can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender and circumstances; and*

WHEREAS *Pancreatic cancer has had minimal advancements in the last 40 years, it is the cancer with the highest fatality of all cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths; projected to become the third cause of all cancer deaths in 2020.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim November 16th, 2017 as **“WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER 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**.

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

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
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