

“WORLD WATER DAY”

WHEREAS *The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program 2017 Report estimates that 3 in 10 people worldwide, or 2.1 billion, lack access to safe, readily available water at home; and*

WHEREAS *according to the World Health Organization, every year in low- and middle-income countries, over half a million people die due to unsafe and insufficient drinking-water. The majority of them are children under five years of age; and*

WHEREAS *VICTORIA SPECIFIC FACT; and*

WHEREAS *Canadians are encouraged to appreciate and conserve water, one of our country's most vital natural resources, look for their local “Paint it Blue” landmarks, and engage on social media with the hashtags #PaintItBlue #WorldWaterDay to show their support for World Water Day and universal access for safe drinking water.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day March 22nd, 2018 as*
“WORLD WATER 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 8th day of March, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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