

“RARE DISEASE DAY ”

WHEREAS, *the Rare Disease Foundation and its Victoria Parent-2-Parent Network provides a forum for families in our community for mutual support, mentoring and knowledge sharing regardless of a child’s diagnosis; and*

WHEREAS, *the last day of February is recognized as Rare Disease Day internationally, with the purpose to bring about awareness of rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives amongst the general public and decision-makers; and*

WHEREAS, *on February 28th the Victoria Parent-2-Parent Network will collectively recognize and promote awareness of Rare Disease Day throughout the Greater Victoria region.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim February 28th, 2018 as **“RARE DISEASE 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 February, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored by:
Jocelyn Carter-Sim
Coordinator
Rare Disease Foundation



Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of February 1, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** January 19, 2018
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Rare Disease Day" February 28, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That the *Rare Disease Day Proclamation* be forwarded to the February 8, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *Rare Disease Day Proclamation*. Council has recently established 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 the 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the new 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Rare Disease Day"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations