

“INTERNATIONAL DEAF WEEK”

WHEREAS *The Deaf Community and extended signers are celebrating the unique heritage and multicultural identities of Deaf individuals with 200 years of American Sign Language in 2017. In conjunction to this special bicentenary celebration, September 18-24th is International Deaf Week. The theme for this year that is promoted by World Federation of the Deaf, under the United Nations is “Full Inclusion with Sign Language”; and*

WHEREAS *The Deaf community strives to see the goals set out by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be fully achieved here in Canada; and*

WHEREAS *UVic American Sign Language (ASL) Club as well as the Society for Society for Students with a Disability (SSD) at University of Victoria, would promote diversity among the students and staff, would be celebrating with American Sign Language Festival at a later date on October 6th, 2017, for a day of events on campus; and*

WHEREAS *Community building, diverse communication approaches and means, which introduced to the benefit of different areas of knowledge when approaching Linguistics, Humanities, Sociology and beyond; and the further recognition of our extended communities; and*

WHEREAS *We, regardless where we come from; hope everyone will share in the experience with “Full Inclusion with Sign Language” and celebrate the diversity, pride and meet all the love for one another through our culture and language.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the week of September 18th-24th 2017 as “INTERNATIONAL DEAF 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 5th day of October, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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