

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE"

WHEREAS *the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and*

WHEREAS *in 1982 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; and*

WHEREAS *the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and*

WHEREAS *the Mayor of Victoria is a member of the global organization, Mayors for Peace, And the City of Victoria has supported the call for a Canadian department of peace; and*

WHEREAS *there is growing support within our City for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and*

WHEREAS *global crises impel all citizens to work towards converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generation.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day of September 21st, 2017 as*
"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE" 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 7th day of September, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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