

**"GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS DAY"**

**WHEREAS** *the HIV/AIDS pandemic has devastated sub-Saharan Africa, leaving over 15 million orphans in its wake; and*

**WHEREAS** *in the absence of other resources to care for these vulnerable children, grandmothers step in to provide loving care, housing, food, access to education and hope for the future; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Stephen Lewis Foundation recognizes the magnificent contribution of Africa's grandmothers through the community based organizations where they come together to support each other's work; and*

**WHEREAS** *the Stephen Lewis Foundation in 2006 initiated the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, a movement of solidarity between Canadian and African grandmothers, where Canadian grandmothers in over 240 groups work to raise funds for and awareness of the work of African grandmothers; and*

**WHEREAS** *thanks to the generosity of the greater Victoria community, Victoria Grandmothers for Africa have raised over \$1 million, part of the national total of over \$25 million, to send through the GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS CAMPAIGN of the Stephen Lewis Foundation to community based organizations in sub-Saharan Africa at the centre of the HIV/AIDS pandemic;*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the day of September 10, 2017 as "**GRANDMOTHERS TO GRANDMOTHERS DAY**" on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

**Sponsored by:  
Lisbie Rae  
on behalf of  
Victoria Grandmothers for Africa**