

"WORLD HEPATITIS DAY"

- WHEREAS** *it is estimated that approximately 60,000 to 80,000 people in BC are living with hepatitis B and the figures are similar (if not greater) for hepatitis C; and*
- WHEREAS** *it is estimated that over 500 million people are living with chronic hepatitis B and C worldwide. Hepatitis viruses can cause inflammation of the liver; chronic viral hepatitis infection can lead to cirrhosis and/or liver cancer; and*
- WHEREAS** *many of those living with either hepatitis B or hepatitis C are currently unaware of their illness, as both can be asymptomatic for decades after initial infection; and*
- WHEREAS** *most cases of hepatitis C can now be cured and hepatitis C can be prevented by immunization; and*
- WHEREAS** *Community based organizations, such as HepCBC Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Society, health professionals and government partners in Victoria and BC continue to work on preventing new infections and ensuring that support for those affected by viral hepatitis is accessible; and*
- WHEREAS** *the World Hepatitis Alliance has declared July 28 World Hepatitis Day.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the day of July 28th, 2017 as **"WORLD HEPATITIS 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 27th day of July, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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