

**“ PRIDE WEEK ”**

**WHEREAS** *the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBT) community; their friends and the allies of are integral and important contributing members of Victoria; and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the rights and freedoms of these and all Canadian citizens to love whom they choose and to establish for themselves a healthy vital family unit defined by that love; and*

**WHEREAS** *the citizens of the City of Victoria come together annually on “Pride Week” to celebrate the achievements of this freedom and to recognize those worldwide who have yet to establish these same rights.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** I do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 as **“PRIDE 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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

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