

“ACCESS AWARENESS DAY”

WHEREAS *accessibility and inclusion are essential for ensuring that all community members have access to opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and*

WHEREAS *accessibility should be part of all aspects of community life – physical, social and economic including employment, transportation, recreation and housing; and*

WHEREAS *we all have a role to play in ensuring that our communities are accessible and inclusive as possible; and*

WHEREAS *the citizens of this community recognize the rights of all individuals with disabilities and the importance of ensuring that they have access to the opportunities that are important to them and that give their lives meaning.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the day June 3rd, 2017 as “ACCESS AWARENESS 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 25th day of May, Two Thousand and Seventeen.*

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

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