

“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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