

"SPEECH AND HEARING AWARENESS MONTH"

- WHEREAS** *an estimated 1 in 10 residents of Greater Victoria are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing; and*
- WHEREAS** *Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre (IDHHC) is the only non-profit organization that serves the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, oral deaf, late deafened, and hard of hearing communities on Vancouver Island; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Mission of IDHHC is to provide leadership, innovative solutions and services through engaging and educating communities, strengthening families, and fighting isolation; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Canadian Hearing Society proclaims the month of May as "Speech and Hearing Month", to promote awareness; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association national conference will be held in Sidney, B.C May 25-27, 2017; and*
- WHEREAS** *In May 2017, IDHHC will celebrate its 25th Anniversary of service to communities.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim May 2017 as **"SPEECH and HEARING MONTH"** on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATION** 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 April, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored by
Denise Robertson
Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre



Committee of the Whole Report
For the Meeting of April 27, 2017

To: Committee of the Whole **Date:** April 20, 2017
From: Chris Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Proclamation "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" May 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month" May, 2017 Proclamation be forwarded to the April 27, 2017 Council meeting for Council's consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested Speech and Hearing Awareness Month Proclamation. Council approved this Proclamation at the April 13, 2017 Council Meeting. However, the organization requesting the Proclamation has advised that they would like to revise the Proclamation.

Council has recently established a policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of 2016 and 2017 Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the new policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coates".

Chris Coates
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "Speech and Hearing Awareness Month"
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations