

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

WHEREAS *Child Abuse Prevention Month began in 1983 to raise awareness of the alarming rates at which children were being abused and neglected; and*

WHEREAS *Every child deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse continues to be one of our nation's most serious health problems. Studies have shown child abuse and neglect causes psychological, emotional, and physical harm which can create lifelong problems for victims of abuse; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and our society's future; and*

WHEREAS *Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on the involvement of all people; and*

WHEREAS *this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and commit to learn more about the behavioural and physical signs of possible abuse.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" on the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 13th day of April, Two Thousand and Seventeen..

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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