

“COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH”

WHEREAS, *the Provincial Government proclaims October as Community Living Month every year; and*

WHEREAS, *Community Living Month is a celebration of community inclusion throughout the Province of British Columbia; and*

WHEREAS, *Canada ratified the United Nations’ historic Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2010; and*

WHEREAS, *a thriving community requires the inclusion and participation of all its members; and*

WHEREAS, *the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community enables all people to contribute their gifts, talents and abilities, and to secure their rightful place at home, at school, at work, and in the community; and*

WHEREAS, *Community Living BC, a provincial Crown agency, will be celebrating Community Living Month in partnership with Victoria, BC to raise public awareness about inclusion and support persons with diverse abilities to participate fully in societal life.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the October 2016 as “COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of September, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored By:
Catriona Johnson
Community Council Chair
South Island Community Council

