

“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2016”

WHEREAS the 2016 fire prevention theme for this period is **“Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”**; and

WHEREAS fire losses in Canada, despite marked improvement, remain unacceptably high in comparison with those of other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures; and

WHEREAS the needless loss of lives and property as a result of fire could be significantly reduced or eliminated by individual and community fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS most fires are caused by human carelessness and are both predictable and preventable if individuals are knowledgeable about fire prevention and safety; and

WHEREAS the members of the Fire Service and other public agencies in combining their talents and efforts can ensure a successful fight against those conditions that cause fire; and

WHEREAS each citizen must earnestly desire to provide a fire-safe place in which to live and work by eliminating those fire hazards that cause the loss of life, property, employment and the resources by which we exist; and

WHEREAS the local efforts of the Fire Service are supported by the activities of organizations such as Fire Prevention Canada, the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners, the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, the Provincial Fire Chiefs Associations, and various associations of firefighters, fire instructors, and fire prevention officers.

NOW THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the week of October 9th to 15th, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**, the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS**, and I call upon the citizens of Victoria to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school. I also call upon all public information agencies to actively participate in a coordinated effort to provide effective fire prevention programs, which will instill in the minds of each citizen, those fire safety practices which will reduce the loss of life and property damage caused by fire.

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

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