

“LITERACY MONTH”

WHEREAS *Literacy is the key to opportunity for Canadians to increase their chances for a good life and be successful in today’s modern world, as literacy is no longer simply the ability to read and write; and*

WHEREAS *Engaging children and youth in literacy programming ensures the best possible environment for getting a head start on literacy and lifelong learning ; and*

WHEREAS *Solid literacy skills are vital to our country’s social and economic development; literacy offers all Canadians an opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the education, growth and prosperity of Canada; and*

WHEREAS *Many organizations across Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and Canada, demonstrate daily – through the work in their community – their commitment to creating a culture of community based literacy and learning.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as “**LITERACY 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 8th day of September, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
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