

“PRIDE WEEK”

WHEREAS *the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) community; their friends and the allies of are integral and important contributing members of Victoria; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria recognizes and values the rights and freedoms of these and all Canadian citizens to love whom they choose and to establish for themselves a healthy vital family unit defined by that love; and*

WHEREAS *the citizens of the City of Victoria come together annually on “Pride Week” to celebrate the achievements of this freedom and to recognize those worldwide who have yet to establish these same rights.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 1st to Sunday, July 10th 2016 as “PRIDE WEEK” 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 23rd day of June, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

**LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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David Tillson
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