

'SRI CHINMOY ONENESS-HOME PEACE RUN'

- WHEREAS** *peace and harmony have always been the desired longing and goal of humanity, ever more so in our present age; and*
- WHEREAS** *Canada and the United States share, in peace and friendship, the world's longest land border; and*
- WHEREAS** *this proclamation is being jointly signed by Mayors from cities across the United States and Canada in a display of friendship, mutual concern, and goodwill; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run (the Peace Run) exemplifies and promotes this ideal by carrying and sharing the light of the Peace Torch on its journey with individuals and communities globally and in friendship between the brother nations of Canada and the United States in the highest goal of oneness and peace; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Peace Run was founded by Sri Chinmoy, a peace visionary whose spirit of love and oneness is preserved and perpetuated in the Peace Torch; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Peace Run, visiting countless cities and towns on its 50,000 mile journey through more than 140 nations around the globe in its quest to promote universal peace, will inspire our citizens; and*
- WHEREAS** *we, the people of Canada and the United States, view this auspicious undertaking as a renewed dedication to humanity's loftiest goal of oneness and peace, both within our own communities and throughout the world at large; and*
- WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria was declared a Sri Chinmoy Peace Capital in 1992 to light a beacon inspiring others to make our community and its neighbours deeply aware of the immeasurable value of peace.*

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim the run of June 24, 2016 as "**SRI CHINMOY ONENESS-HOME PEACE RUN**" in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS**, and encourage the people of Victoria to embrace the message of goodwill, benevolence and compassion that the Peace Run promotes and urge our citizens to strive for harmony at home, in our schools, in our communities, and in our nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of June, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

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

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