

“ORCA AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS *British Columbia’s resident Killer Whales (orcas) are listed as endangered (southern population) and threatened (northern population) under the Species at Risk Act 2003; and*

WHEREAS *the existence of orcas in our waters brings much pleasure and interest to residents of, and visitors to, British Columbia; and*

WHEREAS *the Province of British Columbia supports the efforts to help this endangered population through improving public understanding of the species and its needs; and*

WHEREAS *various conservations groups in the Pacific Northwest come together in the month of June to focus on educating the public and taking action to enhance the survival of orcas.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as “ORCA AWARENESS 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 26th day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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