

**“ALS AWARENESS MONTH”**

**(Lou Gehrig's Disease)**

**WHEREAS** *ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) is a deadly, degenerative disease of the central nervous system with unknown cause and no cure, which took the lives of Lou Gehrig, David Niven and many others; and*

**WHEREAS** *this disease can strike anyone in the age group 20-80 years with devastating destruction of the motor neurons and the skeletal muscles to render the victim physically, completely helpless, but without touching the intellect, as he or she watches himself or herself slowly die; and*

**WHEREAS** *ALS is as common in occurrence as Multiple Sclerosis, it is still relatively unheard of due to its short prognosis of 2 - 4 years from date of diagnosis; and the short life span is the principal reason for the lack of public awareness which in turn results in a lack of financial support for research to find the cause and cure for this disease; and*

**WHEREAS** *development of a high level of public awareness concerning this disease seems to be the key to successful fund raising in aid of research, patient services and education; and Flower Day is one of the major, yearly, fund raising events for ALS.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as “ALS 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
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