

“WORLD OCEANS WEEK”

WHEREAS *in 2009 the United Nations proclaimed June 8 to be World Oceans Day each year around the world; and*

WHEREAS *since 1992 Canada played a key role in the United Nations recognizing World Oceans Day; and*

WHEREAS *World Oceans Week Canada was founded to encourage all Canadians to honour, celebrate, protect and preserve our waterways and oceans as well as the habitat along and in our waterways and oceans where 80% of the oxygen we breathe is generated; and*

WHEREAS *World Oceans Week Canada has designated June 1 to June 8 as World Oceans Week in Canada; and*

WHEREAS *World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to take action to conserve water, preserve waterways and shorelines, reduce emissions, reduce their carbon footprint and protect the habitat along and in our waterways; and*

WHEREAS *World Oceans Week Canada urges all Canadians to help our marine life recover by avoiding sea foods on the endangered list.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim June 1st to June 8th, 2016 as “WORLD OCEANS WEEK” in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS and encourage the residents of Victoria to actively conserve, preserve and to protect our waterways, oceans and habitat.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 26th day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
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