

**“BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH”**

- WHEREAS** *acquired brain injury occurs at the approximate rate of 60 new cases per day, or 22,000 per year in British Columbia; and*
- WHEREAS** *these new cases will be added to the approximate 180,000 British Columbians living with an acquired brain injury; and*
- WHEREAS** *studies have shown that more than 50% of those who are homeless live with an acquired brain injury and of those, 70% became homeless after acquiring their first brain injury; and*
- WHEREAS** *acquired brain injury remains underfunded although it is the leading cause of death and injury in adults under the age of 40, yet nearly 90% are preventable with education and awareness; and*
- WHEREAS** *June has been designated as National Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote education and awareness on the causes, consequences, prevention, and rehabilitation needs of acquired brain injury.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016 as “**BRAIN INJURY 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**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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