

“Kids Help Phone ~ Walk So Kids Can Talk Day” Sunday, May 1st, 2016

- Whereas** Kids Help Phone, established in 1989, is a Canadian and world leader known for our expertise and continuous innovation as Canada's only 24/7 phone and web counselling and information service for young people ages 20 and under, a service that is obtained in an anonymous, confidential and non-judgemental approach, free 24/7; and
- Whereas** Our free and anonymous service supports young people as they build the skills and abilities they'll need to improve their emotional health and well-being, in addition to an array of counselling options, we work tirelessly to share young people's perspectives on a societal level – locally, nationally, and globally; and
- Whereas** We could not do this important, life-changing work without the generous support of our donors and sponsors as Kids Help Phone raises the majority of our revenue from foundational, corporate, and individual donations; and
- Whereas** Thousands of everyday heroes in communities across Canada will be walking side by side on Sunday, May 1, in the Walk So Kids Can Talk presented by BMO and in the City of Victoria this event will be hosted by Braefoot Elementary School, in support of Kids Help Phone to ensure professional counsellors will always be there to listen when kids reach out as often there is no one else to listen; and
- Whereas** Kids Help Phone proudly supports the 6.5 million young people in Canada between the ages of five and 20 in both English and French and, in our first 25 years, young people connected with Kids Help Phone's professional counsellors more than 7.1 million times.

NOW, THEREFORE I do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2016 as **"KIDS HELP PHONE ~WALK SO KIDS CAN TALK DAY"**
in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**, the **TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES** of the **ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 12th day of May, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

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

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