

“EARTH DAY POWER HOUR”

- WHEREAS** *in 1970 the first Earth Day was proclaimed as April 22nd; and*
- WHEREAS** *within the last 30 years Canada has played a part in making this event a global-wide celebration of the environment and striving for sustainable communities; and*
- WHEREAS** *Earth Day was founded to encourage global citizens to take action to protect and preserve the environment. It is an opportunity for all to participate and make a difference; and*
- WHEREAS** *the Earth Day Power Hour is one-hour of dedicated action amongst all citizens to protect our local ecosystems; and*
- WHEREAS** *this event encourages citizens and businesses to participate by collecting and counting pieces of garbage on a stretch of beach, parkland or the property surrounding their business. This is a fun and meaningful way for all CRD citizens to engage and make a difference, given we have the great fortune to live surrounded by natural beauty. The collective effort of our citizens, in just one hour, once a year, can create a healthier ecosystem for all; and*
- WHEREAS** *Victoria’s Earth Day Power Hour celebrates Earth Day with action.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim that from 11:59am-12:59pm on the day preceding Earth Day (April 22nd) as “**EARTH DAY POWER HOUR**” 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 14th day of April, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

**LISA HELPS
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