

“INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY”

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all its residents; and*

WHEREAS *our transgender residents remain too often the target of misunderstanding, stigma, intolerance and prejudice; and*

WHEREAS *in Victoria we applaud the lives, accomplishments and community contributions of transgender Victorians; and*

WHEREAS *in 2009 the International Transgender Day of Visibility was started as a way to celebrate transgender people, and raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people around the world; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria and its residents take seriously our responsibility to treat everyone with respect and compassion regardless of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender or age; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Victoria wishes to promote understanding and create a safe community where everyone can live their lives in safety and with dignity; and*

NOW, THEREFORE *I hereby proclaim March 31st, 2016 as “***TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY***” 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 24th day of March, Two Thousand and Sixteen.*

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

**Sponsored by:
Councillors Alto and Loveday**