

**“DARWIN DAY”**

**WHEREAS** *Charles Darwin was born on February 12, 1809; and*

**WHEREAS** *from 1831-1836, he travelled in the southern hemisphere on the “HMS Beagle”, officially as the captain’s companion; and*

**WHEREAS** *his observations in natural history and on the adaptations of animals to their environments eventually led him to formulate his theory of evolution; and*

**WHEREAS** *he hypothesized that living things change over time, or evolve, in response to the selective pressures of their environment; and*

**WHEREAS** *the concept of evolution remains the unifying theory of biology.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as “DARWIN DAY” 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, Two Thousand  
and Sixteen.*

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